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## Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

## AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Population (Excluding full-blood Aborigines).						Capital Cities, Census, 30th June, 1947 (Final Count).
		Census—30th June, 1947 (Final Count).			Estimated—31st December, 1949.			
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W. . .	309,433	1,492,211	1,492,627	2,984,838	1,594,724	1,581,211	3,175,935	1,484,004
Victoria . .	87,884	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,073,298	1,091,033	2,164,331	1,226,409
Q'land . .	670,500	567,471	538,944	1,106,415	594,154	566,146	1,160,300	402,030
S. Aust. . .	380,070	320,031	326,042	646,073	342,937	344,936	687,873	382,454
W. Aust.	975,920	258,076	244,404	502,480	280,457	264,358	544,815	272,528
Tasmania	26,215	129,244	127,834	257,078	145,838	138,407	284,245	76,534
N. Terr. . .	523,620	7,378	3,490	10,868	8,728	5,122	13,850	2,538
A.C.T. . .	939	9,092	7,813	16,905	10,409	9,124	19,533	15,156
Australia	2,974,581	3,797,370	3,781,988	7,579,358	4,050,545	4,000,337	8,050,882	3,861,653

## ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

31st Dec.—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T.	Australia.
1901	1,375,455	1,209,900	506,721	359,330	193,601	175,233	4,673	..	3,824,913
1911	1,699,376	1,339,893	623,123	419,392	293,923	192,925	3,233	61,921	4,673,786
1921	2,131,690	1,550,727	765,724	501,742	336,548	218,676	3,759	2,078	5,510,944
1931	2,566,314	1,803,570	929,726	577,079	433,686	228,464	4,846	8,921	6,552,606
1941	2,813,056	1,946,425	1,038,471	606,366	473,213	242,135	9,769	14,163	7,143,598
1945	2,932,998	2,015,107	1,084,864	630,882	490,088	250,280	10,546	15,432	7,430,197
1946	2,962,392	2,039,769	1,096,831	640,418	496,973	254,570	10,642	16,386	7,517,981
1947	3,007,582	2,061,689	1,110,821	653,065	508,881	268,515	10,991	17,084	7,638,628
1948	3,062,344	2,106,315	1,132,565	665,927	522,330	275,142	12,494	17,763	7,794,880
1949	3,175,935	2,164,331	1,160,300	687,873	544,815	284,245	13,850	19,533	8,050,882

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results.

(b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.

(c) A more reliable estimate of normal population is at 30th June, 1948 (18,778 persons).

## ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T.	Australia.
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## Year ended 30th June.

1939	2,735,400	1,872,287	1,008,207	595,131	466,896	237,637	5,932	11,965	6,933,455
1946	2,932,366	2,015,197	1,084,125	630,921	489,982	250,309	10,537	15,431	7,428,868
1947	2,963,056	2,039,348	1,097,303	640,352	497,006	254,553	10,676	16,381	7,518,675
1948	3,006,481	2,069,167	1,112,722	652,285	508,860	261,781	11,310	17,596	7,640,202
1949	3,063,973	2,113,286	1,134,738	665,139	522,184	268,259	12,847	18,434	7,798,860

## Year ended 31st December.

1938	2,722,378	1,865,251	1,001,996	593,242	463,808	236,328	5,804	11,534	6,900,341
1946	2,945,220	2,025,475	1,090,238	635,127	492,771	252,192	10,568	15,883	7,467,474
1947	2,985,073	2,053,648	1,105,360	646,294	502,978	257,781	10,891	16,903	7,578,928
1948	3,029,573	2,089,999	1,123,416	658,239	514,843	264,604	12,188	18,172	7,711,034
1949	3,113,977	2,138,761	1,147,523	674,056	533,083	272,649	13,476	19,113	7,912,638

NOTE.—The population estimates from 1939 until the Census of 30th June, 1947, include surviving members of the fighting forces according to the State in which they resided prior to their enlistment, and irrespective of whether they were within Australia or overseas, but exclude members of Allied Services, prisoners of war and internees from overseas. As from 30th June, 1947, the population figures include defence personnel in Australia according to their actual location and are exclusive of members of the forces overseas.

## BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.			Marriages.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	

## QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1949.

New South Wales	8,786	8,388	17,174	3,967	2,987	6,954	7,748
Victoria.. ..	6,324	6,010	12,334	2,758	2,395	5,153	5,641
Queensland ..	3,387	3,262	6,649	1,366	973	2,339	2,669
South Australia ..	2,428	2,283	4,711	870	729	1,599	1,650
Western Australia	1,782	1,749	3,531	753	424	1,177	1,342
Tasmania ..	935	968	1,903	305	283	588	678
Northern Territory	47	35	82	19	5	24	43
Australian Capital Territory ..	124	105	229	11	13	24	52
Australia ..	23,813	22,800	46,613	10,049	7,809	17,858	19,823

## YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1949.

New South Wales	35,201	33,611	68,812	16,703	12,661	29,364	28,757
Victoria.. ..	24,027	22,846	46,873	11,803	10,188	21,991	20,066
Queensland ..	14,241	13,507	27,748	5,979	4,182	10,161	10,234
South Australia ..	8,233	7,809	16,042	3,416	2,957	6,373	6,247
Western Australia	6,826	6,685	13,511	2,893	1,897	4,790	4,951
Tasmania ..	3,578	3,532	7,110	1,264	1,125	2,389	2,422
Northern Territory	182	164	346	74	18	92	130
Australian Capital Territory ..	458	361	819	63	37	100	192
Australia ..	92,746	88,515	181,261	42,195	33,065	75,260	72,999

State or Territory.	1938.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
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## BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales .. ..	47,319	67,247	69,398	67,234	68,812
Victoria .. ..	30,344	46,693	47,366	46,099	46,873
Queensland .. ..	18,992	27,024	28,358	27,858	27,748
South Australia .. ..	9,410	15,813	16,317	15,870	16,042
Western Australia .. ..	9,141	12,105	12,874	12,931	13,511
Tasmania .. ..	4,907	6,847	7,140	6,979	7,110
Northern Territory .. ..	102	132	276	280	346
Australian Capital Territory ..	200	518	655	725	819
Australia .. ..	120,415	176,379	182,384	177,976	181,261

Births, Deaths and Marriages—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1938.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.					
New South Wales .. ..	(a) 17.38	(a) 22.83	(a) 23.25	22.19	22.10
Victoria .. ..	16.27	23.05	23.06	22.06	21.92
Queensland .. ..	18.95	24.79	25.65	24.80	24.18
South Australia .. ..	15.86	24.90	25.25	24.11	23.80
Western Australia .. ..	19.71	24.57	25.60	25.12	25.35
Tasmania .. ..	20.76	27.15	27.70	26.38	26.08
Northern Territory .. ..	17.57	12.49	25.34	22.97	25.68
Australian Capital Territory ..	17.34	32.61	38.75	39.90	42.85
Australia .. ..	17.45	23.62	24.06	23.08	22.91

(a) Based on population figures revised in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census.

## DEATHS (a)—NUMBER.

New South Wales .. ..	26,105	28,579	28,449	30,403	29,364
Victoria .. ..	18,955	21,534	21,442	21,825	21,991
Queensland .. ..	9,201	10,648	10,116	10,462	10,161
South Australia .. ..	5,539	6,461	6,215	6,748	6,373
Western Australia .. ..	4,234	4,753	4,723	4,685	4,790
Tasmania .. ..	2,288	2,549	2,363	2,528	2,389
Northern Territory .. ..	69	55	65	73	92
Australian Capital Territory ..	60	82	95	115	100
Australia .. ..	66,451	74,661	73,468	76,839	75,260

(a) Excludes, for the period September, 1939, to June, 1947, deaths of defence personnel and of internees and prisoners of war from overseas.

## DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales .. ..	(a) 9.59	(a) 9.70	(a) 9.53	10.04	9.43
Victoria .. ..	10.16	10.63	10.44	10.44	10.28
Queensland .. ..	9.18	9.77	9.15	9.31	8.85
South Australia .. ..	9.34	10.17	9.62	10.25	9.45
Western Australia .. ..	9.13	9.65	9.39	9.10	8.99
Tasmania .. ..	9.68	10.11	9.17	9.55	8.76
Northern Territory .. ..	11.89	5.20	5.97	5.99	6.83
Australian Capital Territory ..	5.20	5.16	5.62	6.33	5.23
Australia .. ..	9.63	10.00	9.69	9.96	9.51

(a) Based on population figures revised in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census.

## MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales .. ..	24,579	31,684	30,172	30,164	28,757
Victoria .. ..	17,113	21,405	20,437	20,035	20,066
Queensland .. ..	8,853	11,666	10,999	10,125	10,234
South Australia .. ..	5,489	6,700	6,668	6,704	6,247
Western Australia .. ..	4,153	5,171	5,282	5,186	4,951
Tasmania .. ..	2,082	2,650	2,584	2,428	2,422
Northern Territory .. ..	67	63	124	110	130
Australian Capital Territory ..	75	157	191	150	192
Australia .. ..	62,411	79,496	76,457	74,902	72,999



## Births, Deaths and Marriages—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.					
	(a)	(a)	(a)		
New South Wales .. ..	9.03	10.76	10.11	9.96	9.23
Victoria .. ..	9.17	10.57	9.95	9.59	9.38
Queensland .. ..	8.84	10.70	9.95	9.01	8.92
South Australia .. ..	9.25	10.55	10.32	10.18	9.27
Western Australia .. ..	8.95	10.49	10.50	10.07	9.29
Tasmania .. ..	8.81	10.51	10.02	9.18	8.88
Northern Territory .. ..	11.54	5.96	11.39	9.03	9.65
Australian Capital Territory ..	6.50	9.88	11.30	8.25	10.05
Australia .. ..	9.04	10.65	10.09	9.71	9.23

(a) Based on population figures revised in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census.

## DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales .. ..	1,980	2,032	2,069	2,037	1,878
Victoria .. ..	1,038	1,268	1,245	1,103	1,026
Queensland .. ..	784	791	874	779	686
South Australia .. ..	287	428	396	472	444
Western Australia .. ..	309	376	398	331	351
Tasmania .. ..	195	207	195	193	170
Northern Territory .. ..	6	4	12	10	10
Australian Capital Territory ..	8	10	13	17	13
Australia .. ..	4,607	5,116	5,202	4,942	4,578

## INFANTILE MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.

New South Wales .. ..	41.84	30.22	29.81	30.30	27.29
Victoria .. ..	34.21	27.16	26.28	23.93	21.89
Queensland .. ..	41.28	29.27	30.82	27.96	24.72
South Australia .. ..	30.50	27.07	24.27	29.74	27.68
Western Australia .. ..	33.80	31.06	30.92	25.60	25.98
Tasmania .. ..	39.74	30.23	27.31	27.65	23.91
Northern Territory .. ..	58.82	30.30	43.48	35.71	28.90
Australian Capital Territory ..	40.00	19.31	19.85	23.45	15.87
Australia .. ..	38.26	29.01	28.52	27.77	25.26

## MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933 are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	172,236	122,550	294,786	183,266
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	- 10,886
1936-40(a) ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45(a) ..	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1944(a) ..	4,454	3,043	7,497	5,389	4,291	9,680	- 2,183
1945(a) ..	8,881	6,495	15,376	8,764	9,241	18,005	- 2,629
1946(a) ..	17,782	17,108	34,890	23,081	26,957	50,038	- 15,148
1947(a) ..	39,865	27,903	67,768	31,289	25,868	57,157	10,611
1948 ..	66,321	49,402	115,723	33,797	26,811	60,608	55,115
1949 ..	132,648	100,487	233,135	42,705	40,429	83,134	150,001

(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939 to June, 1947.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.



## MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently  
Classified according to Nationality and Racial Origin.

Nationality and Racial Origin.	Permanent New Arrivals.(a)			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.(a)		
	Quarter ended December, 1949.	Year—		Quarter ended December, 1949.	Year—	
		1948.	1949.		1948.	1949.
British .. ..	16,834	43,510	68,797	3,811	14,451	17,227
Foreign—						
American (U.S.) ..	202	22,229	933	64	2,820	325
Austrian .. ..	85		648	3		20
Chinese .. ..	97		466	34		185
Czechoslovak .. ..	1,798		4,104	2		4
Dutch .. ..	120		1,315	29		92
Estonian .. ..	556		3,088	1		1
French .. ..	94		437	16		67
German .. ..	285		1,597	15		32
Greek .. ..	390		1,684	6		45
Hungarian .. ..	2,475		5,631	..		1
Italian .. ..	3,281		10,503	13		109
Latvian .. ..	2,445		10,593	..		1
Lithuanian .. ..	1,156		6,003	..		3
Polish .. ..	11,191		28,729	7		62
Russian .. ..	800		9,387	4		19
Ukrainian .. ..	2,939		(c)	..		(c)
Yugoslav .. ..	3,172		7,826	1		55
Other .. ..	2,907		5,986	21		209
Total .. ..	50,827	65,739	167,727	4,027	17,271	18,457

## RACIAL ORIGIN

European .. ..	50,646	64,649	166,680	3,944	16,541	18,116
Asiatic .. ..	167	1,083	1,011	73	720	319
African .. ..	3	1	4	..	..	2
Polynesian .. ..	11	6	32	10	10	20
Total .. ..	50,827	65,739	167,727	4,027	17,271	18,457

(a) Except in the case of Australian troops and dependants, who are classified as temporary migrants irrespective of period of proposed stay in Australia or abroad and are therefore excluded from the table above, permanent migration refers to persons intending residence for a year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals and abroad in the case of departures.

(b) A detailed classification of migrants according to "Nationality" was commenced for the first time in July, 1948. Corresponding particulars for previous periods are available only for "British" and total "Alien" nationalities as shown above.

(c) Included under "Russian". Separate figures for Ukrainians are available only as from July, 1949.

## MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Permanent Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(a)	Quarter ended December, 1949.	Year—		Quarter ended December, 1949.	Year—	
		1948.	1949.		1948.	1949.
	Permanent New Arrivals.			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.		
British—						
Great Britain .. ..	12,344	31,656	53,613	1,992	5,628	8,860
Canada .. ..	84	426	443	67	545	345
Cyprus .. ..	126	507	888	1	10	6
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	487	3,397	1,616	98	277	351
Malta .. ..	1,664	847	3,759	20	58	47
New Guinea .. ..	86	292	284	315	1,757	1,390
New Zealand .. ..	758	2,681	3,223	402	1,688	1,961
Papua .. ..	49	183	167	280	704	1,383
Union of South Africa ..	93	309	377	97	455	299
Other .. ..	659	2,419	2,528	319	1,664	1,454
Total, British Countries	16,350	42,717	66,898	3,591	12,786	16,096
Foreign—						
Austria .. ..	(b)1,732	(b) 112	(b)6,895	3	12	8
France .. ..	253	551	1,270	23	114	109
Germany .. ..	15,814	(b)9,490	652,791	8	65	25
Greece .. ..	350	1,267	1,437	14	95	78
Italy .. ..	5,326	2,561	12,991	53	384	413
Netherlands .. ..	55	423	1,145	11	103	50
Poland .. ..	3,537	1,024	6,012	..	2	1
Yugoslavia .. ..	795	132	1,435	..	912	90
Other European(c) ..	4,305	1,881	9,777	16	320	208
China .. ..	1,133	649	2,285	25	537	179
Netherland East Indies ..	90	291	270	16	156	91
Egypt .. ..	444	1,424	1,805	14	30	33
United States of America ..	301	2,194	1,403	174	1,311	732
Polynesian Islands ..	36	206	118	36	204	128
Other .. ..	306	817	1,195	43	240	216
Total, Foreign Countries	34,477	23,022	100,829	436	4,485	2,361
GRAND TOTAL ..	50,827	65,739	167,727	4,027	17,271	18,457

(a) Except in the case of Australian troops and their dependants, who are included throughout under "Australia" (see following table) both as regards country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence, "permanent" residence means residence of a year or more.

(b) Mainly displaced European persons.

(c) Includes unspecified European countries.

## MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Temporary Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(a)	Quarter ended December, 1949.	Year—		Quarter ended December, 1949.	Year—	
		1948.	1949.		1948.	1949.
	Australian Residents Returning and Temporary Visitors Arriving.			Australian Residents Departing Temporarily and Temporary Visitors Departing.		
Australia .. .. .	8,373	23,813	28,116	5,815	19,557	25,351
Other British—						
Great Britain .. .. .	2,090	4,919	6,941	2,291	4,030	8,264
Canada .. .. .	81	281	334	67	340	433
India, Ceylon and Pakistan .. .. .	502	1,241	1,360	257	689	897
New Guinea .. .. .	559	1,351	1,706	378	1,054	1,249
New Zealand .. .. .	4,351	9,786	16,004	4,880	10,255	18,405
Papua .. .. .	455	1,219	1,380	230	560	930
Union of South Africa .. .. .	143	286	431	109	356	433
Other .. .. .	1,152	2,992	3,876	1,044	2,526	3,572
Total, Other British Countries .. .. .	9,333	22,075	32,032	9,256	19,810	34,183
Foreign—						
France .. .. .	50	124	178	46	114	170
Germany .. .. .	15	57	74	9	4	38
Greece .. .. .	19	12	32	16	7	39
Italy .. .. .	16	74	115	49	37	146
Netherlands .. .. .	28	83	177	20	91	72
Yugoslavia .. .. .	4	13	27	..	1	23
Other European .. .. .	80	250	331	76	154	239
China .. .. .	181	445	673	285	635	757
Netherlands East Indies .. .. .	148	200	334	67	262	312
Egypt .. .. .	19	70	87	21	35	75
United States of America .. .. .	453	1,624	1,626	460	1,851	1,872
Polynesian Islands .. .. .	268	702	1,199	208	531	1,125
Other .. .. .	85	442	407	80	248	275
Total, Foreign Countries .. .. .	1,366	4,096	5,260	1,337	3,970	5,143
GRAND TOTAL .. .. .	19,072	49,984	65,408	16,408	43,337	64,677

(a) Except in the case of Australian troops and their dependants, who are included under "Australia," both as regards country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence, "permanent" residence means residence of a year or more.

## Section II.—Production. PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

AREA OF CROPS.  
(Acres.)

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
1938-39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1944-45 ..	8,463,151	2,034,480	256,955	2,408,683	325,978	17,471,853
1945-46 ..	11,425,384	1,949,047	235,729	2,757,236	336,960	20,426,473
1946-47 ..	13,179,550	1,728,008	259,738	2,005,758	324,393	21,076,585
1947-48 ..	13,880,296	2,105,234	222,748	1,970,187	344,914	22,271,532
1948-49(a) ..	12,583,483	1,769,759	182,290	1,579,511	383,501	20,635,065

(a) Subject to revision.

### TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	820,086
1944-45 ..	52,879,802	8,969,697	6,462,987	1,993,518	4,598,318	669,943
1945-46 ..	142,409,556	25,774,113	5,729,252	3,492,975	4,718,040	665,881
1946-47 ..	117,262,132	15,565,559	5,807,632	2,357,186	4,026,935	551,854
1947-48 ..	220,116,317	40,696,992	6,168,342	3,007,758	4,418,247	605,254
1948-49(a) ..	190,702,613	23,602,000	5,199,000	2,291,000	6,708,000	948,864

(a) Subject to revision.

### WHEAT FOR GRAIN : AREA, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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AREA.  
(Acres.)

1938-39 ..	4,650,872	2,748,362	442,017	3,080,401	3,412,818	9,849	2,061	14,346,380
1945-46 ..	3,773,901	3,251,393	392,502	2,165,004	1,835,780	4,982	1,822	11,425,384
1946-47 ..	4,474,894	3,501,135	247,996	2,518,948	2,425,780	7,539	3,258	13,179,550
1947-48 ..	5,043,017	3,227,162	462,239	2,374,873	2,760,446	7,776	4,783	13,880,296
1948-49(a) ..	4,038,447	2,995,705	607,750	2,063,034	2,867,517	6,867	4,163	12,583,483
1949-50(a) ..	4,021,000	3,000,000	628,000	1,825,000	3,000,000	8,000	5,000	12,487,000

PRODUCTION.  
(Bushels.)

1938-39 ..	59,898,000	18,104,369	8,583,736	31,674,418	36,843,600	205,263	59,235	155,368,621
1945-46 ..	62,520,000	29,633,760	8,187,687	21,033,841	20,929,000	66,637	38,631	142,409,556
1946-47 ..	15,682,230	48,970,908	704,835	27,906,001	23,800,000	139,235	58,923	117,262,132
1947-48 ..	95,226,795	46,962,385	10,684,563	32,524,422	34,500,000	118,207	99,945	220,116,317
1948-49(a) ..	64,703,574	49,063,560	14,317,422	26,136,346	36,250,000	155,820	75,891	190,702,613
1949-50(a) ..	83,000,000	56,000,000	11,659,000	27,700,000	38,500,000	160,000	100,000	217,119,000

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.  
(Bushels.)

1938-39 ..	12.88	6.59	19.42	10.28	10.79	20.84	28.74	10.83
1945-46 ..	16.57	9.11	20.86	9.72	11.40	13.38	21.20	12.46
1946-47 ..	3.50	13.99	2.84	11.08	9.81	18.47	18.09	8.90
1947-48 ..	18.88	14.55	23.11	13.69	12.50	15.20	20.90	15.86
1948-49(a) ..	16.02	16.38	23.56	12.67	12.64	22.69	18.23	15.15
1949-50(a) ..	20.64	18.67	18.57	15.18	12.83	20.00	20.00	17.39

(a) Subject to revision.



**Principal Crops—Australia—continued.**  
**TOTAL AREA OF WHEAT GROWN FOR ALL PURPOSES.**  
**(ACRES.)**

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39..	5,222,529	3,032,509	498,984	3,344,264	3,613,342	13,694	2,358	15,727,680
1945-46..	4,213,431	3,365,558	489,269	2,407,253	1,963,138	11,082	2,366	12,452,097
1946-47..	4,772,978	3,566,489	301,971	2,662,150	2,555,323	12,749	3,849	13,875,509
1947-48..	5,355,169	3,279,182	513,984	2,486,505	2,865,326	11,909	5,266	14,517,341
1948-49(a)	4,242,069	3,033,395	660,875	2,159,218	2,961,409	10,173	4,566	13,072,605
1949-50(a)	4,206,000	3,050,000	(b)	1,925,000	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not yet available.

**NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.**

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
<b>HORSES.</b>									
1939	531,355	343,828	(a)444,521	(a)195,834	(a)143,674	(a)30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1945b	436,443	253,782	380,670	133,003	96,528	25,385	31,803	1,091	1,359,205
1946b	403,645	232,473	367,357	115,949	88,180	24,863	31,883	1,048	1,265,398
1947b	379,774	227,164	343,172	109,274	80,746	23,925	30,019	1,101	1,195,175
1948b	376,043	221,454	335,581	100,619	74,537	23,125	32,318	973	1,164,650
1949b	357,764	213,090	324,707	94,071	68,521	22,207	33,197	943	1,114,500

**CATTLE.**

1939	2,811,884	1,697,295	a 6,097,089	(a)318,897	(a)767,680	(a)262,407	899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1945b	3,144,701	1,903,110	6,623,112	391,323	852,563	224,668	984,370	9,320	14,133,167
1946b	3,116,834	1,827,087	6,542,210	374,096	833,567	216,306	960,039	7,867	13,878,006
1947b	2,983,093	2,060,061	5,945,285	423,980	811,949	220,119	972,990	9,169	13,426,646
1948b	3,129,740	2,174,203	5,975,460	445,287	815,610	244,107	991,429	8,748	13,784,584
1949b	3,252,752	2,224,543	5,991,797	461,086	864,131	266,419	1,052,811	10,071	14,123,610

**SHEEP.**

1939c	48,876,663	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,625,690	29,901	245,540	111,057,832
1945b	46,662,000	16,457,101	21,292,120	8,473,939	10,049,587	2,156,071	29,269	250,778	105,370,865
1946b	44,076,000	14,655,277	18,943,762	6,786,538	9,765,983	1,925,604	18,561	224,680	96,396,405
1947b	43,105,000	16,593,490	16,034,340	7,958,619	9,787,002	1,933,332	28,005	227,994	95,722,782
1948b	46,065,000	17,931,173	16,742,629	9,055,237	10,443,798	2,086,528	19,058	215,227	102,558,650
1949b	50,404,000	19,170,312	16,498,957	9,365,713	10,872,540	2,160,009	25,791	238,110	108,735,432

**Pigs.**

1939	377,344	252,462	(a) 325,326	(a) 71,292	(a) 82,922	(a) 45,317	355	573	1,155,591
1945b	523,917	296,232	438,088	160,875	163,993	46,915	146	689	1,630,855
1946b	432,612	271,887	415,411	119,986	137,872	46,915	407	619	1,425,709
1947b	358,417	290,450	340,150	134,033	101,719	47,407	208	627	1,273,011
1948b	365,171	271,492	378,102	100,343	93,180	45,149	680	566	1,254,683
1949b	375,212	223,823	407,322	71,427	80,689	36,996	384	468	1,196,321

(a) December, previous year.

(b) As at 31st March.

(c) December, previous year—

Q'land., S. Aust., W. Aust., Tas., N. Terr.

**WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.**  
**('000 lb.)**

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust. (a)	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr. (b)	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39..	437,141	165,829	a 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1944-45..	448,683	177,143	178,719	106,708	86,841	16,324	308	1,763	1,016,489
1945-46..	431,549	152,398	173,249	73,604	86,986	16,338	155	1,960	936,239
1946-47..	432,621	197,076	144,820	93,020	90,255	16,643	305	2,038	976,778
1947-48..	422,260	191,004	143,290	103,676	95,410	15,326	305	1,767	973,038
1948-49(c)	463,000	198,500	147,695	107,500	98,000	14,000	305	2,000	1,031,000

(a) For year ended previous 31st December.

(b) Estimated.

(c) Subject to revision.



## PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia. (a)
WHOLE MILK FOR ALL PURPOSES. ( <sup>0</sup> 000 gal.)								
1938-39 ..	311,384	377,881	347,336	72,521	45,562	34,140	350	1,189,174
1944-45 ..	262,939	360,501	247,253	72,154	40,416	29,184	383	1,012,830
1945-46 ..	278,885	375,639	269,390	79,370	43,004	30,714	467	1,077,469
1946-47 ..	254,094	445,536	207,465	93,944	46,038	32,080	483	1,079,640
1947-48 ..	295,370	428,569	272,791	92,498	50,363	32,936	578	1,173,105
1948-49 ..	291,915	459,446	277,152	91,319	50,612	38,541	659	1,209,644

## BUTTER.

(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1944-45 ..	34,028	47,195	43,006	7,700	5,940	4,091	3	141,963
1945-46 ..	34,947	51,148	45,790	8,277	5,884	4,314	3	150,363
1946-47 ..	28,743	60,239	33,642	9,841	6,236	4,603	4	143,308
1947-48 ..	35,744	57,575	47,046	9,615	7,240	4,829	5	162,054
1948-49 ..	35,175	61,137	47,781	9,290	7,232	5,209	6	165,830

## CHEESE.

(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,513	..	29,304
1944-45 ..	2,005	12,260	10,104	8,244	826	1,181	..	34,620
1945-46 ..	2,218	14,957	12,025	10,035	814	1,189	..	41,238
1946-47 ..	2,031	17,646	7,720	12,768	1,022	1,163	..	42,350
1947-48 ..	2,642	16,178	9,646	11,530	1,025	459	..	41,478
1948-49 ..	2,492	18,376	9,394	11,654	876	410	..	43,202

(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

## CONDENSED, POWDERED, ETC., MILK PRODUCTS: AUSTRALIA.

(Tons.)

Year.	Con- densed Milk (Sweet- ened and Un- sweet- ened).	Concen- trated Whole Milk.	Powdered Milk.					Infants' and Invalids' Foods (includ- ing Malted Milk and Milk Sugar).	Total.
			Full Cream.		Skim.		Butter Milk and Whey.		
			Spray.	Roller.	Spray.	Roller.			
1938-39 ..	15,519	(a)1,659	10,712	(b)	(b)	(b)	(a) 556	(a)1,259	a 29,705
1944-45 ..	42,706	9,173	10,534	2,788	1,046	963	971	6,886	74,717
1945-46 ..	42,997	9,138	11,839	2,663	1,440	703	1,636	8,851	79,267
1946-47 ..	41,257	9,466	11,580	2,587	2,233	1,617	2,805	8,452	79,997
1947-48 ..	45,595	13,444	12,376	3,639	1,940	2,439	3,411	9,452	92,296
1948-49(c) ..	46,232	13,057	13,354	5,275	2,306	4,324	4,498	9,841	98,887

(a) Incomplete revision.

(b) Included with Powdered Milk, Full Cream, Spray.

(c) Subject to

## PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT).

(Tons.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BEEF (including Veal).									
1938-39 ..	172,001	113,985	207,007	24,731	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	559,210
1944-45 ..	125,896	99,287	175,327	22,957	18,159	9,182	10,000	811	461,119
1945-46 ..	134,384	75,417	137,236	21,154	23,578	8,273	6,225	377	406,644
1946-47 ..	139,877	85,555	190,192	24,383	26,278	8,197	2,736	543	487,761
1947-48 ..	161,889	105,087	226,498	27,167	29,522	8,070	3,054	710	561,997
1948-49 ..	180,339	118,016	202,518	29,580	32,763	9,793	3,281	1,035	577,325

## MUTTON.

1938-39 ..	72,131	77,445	18,950	18,495	14,362	4,004	5	356	205,748
1944-45 ..	90,027	86,807	29,083	27,683	16,722	6,299	36	568	257,225
1945-46 ..	82,059	53,800	23,132	16,724	15,868	5,666	36	516	197,801
1946-47 ..	68,609	57,922	17,411	17,264	15,763	4,994	51	556	182,570
1947-48 ..	58,992	51,731	17,240	17,518	15,286	4,251	59	551	165,628
1948-49 ..	59,870	61,763	16,692	21,314	16,625	4,319	83	604	181,270

## LAMB.

1938-39 ..	28,535	58,685	1,506	15,557	7,852	2,325	..	84	114,544
1944-45 ..	48,621	56,440	1,641	19,205	9,094	2,901	..	266	138,168
1945-46 ..	40,219	32,815	1,781	9,265	6,302	2,243	..	236	92,861
1946-47 ..	41,488	53,762	1,245	14,310	6,782	2,168	..	261	120,016
1947-48 ..	43,826	56,879	1,424	15,771	8,834	2,655	..	293	129,652
1948-49 ..	54,468	52,975	1,748	18,138	8,247	3,255	..	282	139,113

## PORK.

1938-39 ..	9,617	10,769	11,844	2,037	1,092	1,623	8	43	37,033
1944-45 ..	8,605	11,407	8,249	9,013	4,006	1,270	17	3	42,570
1945-46 ..	6,335	9,595	9,363	4,072	4,749	986	17	3	35,120
1946-47 ..	6,364	7,153	9,011	2,978	3,446	1,039	17	18	30,020
1947-48 ..	6,448	7,138	7,134	2,954	2,234	1,391	28	34	27,361
1948-49 ..	9,831	8,644	12,254	2,358	2,649	1,442	27	56	37,261

## BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).

1938-39 ..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	..	33,238
1944-45 ..	20,148	12,103	13,299	4,499	5,007	1,190	..	..	56,246
1945-46 ..	17,409	9,377	10,699	5,239	4,608	1,255	..	..	48,567
1946-47 ..	15,830	10,998	9,983	5,069	4,638	1,150	..	..	47,688
1947-48 ..	14,175	11,159	10,142	4,884	4,232	1,317	..	..	45,909
1948-49 ..	13,302	10,204	9,412	3,788	3,756	1,122	..	..	41,584

## TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.

1938-39 ..	299,975	271,939	252,045	64,829	53,880	20,421	2,248	1,055	966,392
1944-45 ..	303,371	272,096	234,247	85,674	55,491	21,437	10,053	1,148	983,517
1945-46 ..	289,111	185,693	187,561	59,074	57,408	19,050	6,278	1,132	805,307
1946-47 ..	277,867	229,349	231,435	65,829	58,577	17,962	2,804	1,378	885,201
1947-48 ..	290,433	236,011	266,089	70,052	61,632	18,158	3,141	1,558	947,074
1948-49 ..	322,599	255,275	246,012	76,542	65,392	20,335	3,391	1,977	991,523

## QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Pig-Iron. (a)	Metallic Contents of Ores and Concentrates Produced.(b)				
				Copper.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	Fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Oz.	Tons.	Tons.
1939 ..	1,645,697	13,535,142	1,104,605	20,560	280,003	15,320,116	3,067	217,256
1945 ..	657,213	12,792,189	1,117,709	24,520	164,741	8,076,740	2,282	150,313
1946 ..	824,480	13,881,691	906,283	17,755	183,835	9,045,280	2,127	171,910
1947 ..	937,654	14,831,217	1,143,132	13,123	196,623	9,527,140	2,445	182,258
1948 ..	890,805	14,783,177	1,235,574	12,368	216,955	10,057,519	1,874	190,469
1949(c)	893,340	14,097,976	1,058,350	(d)	(d)	(d)	1,955	(d)

(a) Year ended May. (b) Source : Australian Mines and Metals Association. (c) Subject to revision. (d) Not yet available.

## VALUE OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.(a)

(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
GOLD.								
1939 ..	848,985	1,533,899	1,428,598	38,895	11,796,085	192,596	163,414	16,002,472
1944 ..	657,163	568,305	538,176	5,662	4,899,384	174,888	57,803	6,901,381
1945 ..	461,303	661,430	676,712	2,970	5,012,225	139,573	76,811	7,031,024
1946 ..	344,497	936,262	675,164	6,760	6,640,075	165,334	105,376	8,873,468
1947 ..	539,008	911,681	777,924	6,770	7,575,574	161,986	118,563	10,091,506
1948 ..	618,434	738,092	749,565	21,912	7,156,912	138,889	163,482	9,587,286

## SILVER AND LEAD.

1939 ..	3,546,440	726	1,010,856	61	32,890	291,980	..	4,882,953
1944 ..	4,068,935	1,280	14,733	309	15,807	313,618	..	4,414,682
1945 ..	4,625,665	1,622	17,788	601	22,757	259,560	..	4,927,993
1946 ..	6,999,553	2,687	836,869	224	43,860	527,937	..	8,411,130
1947 ..	10,580,658	1,910	2,866,980	1,676	48,751	829,929	..	14,329,904
1948 ..	16,668,185	2,091	3,424,396	9,862	114,268	865,920	1,407	21,086,129

## COPPER.

1939 ..	105,407	..	289,927	6,612	1,373	668,561	2,248	1,074,128
1944 ..	309,900	..	1,644,747	12,115	367	633,188	1,878	2,602,195
1945 ..	305,000	..	1,500,662	11,674	364	463,294	3,811	2,284,805
1946 ..	344,682	..	648,122	..	105	716,212	6,282	1,715,463
1947 ..	290,905	..	338,508	..	6,071	1,057,825	..	1,693,309
1948 ..	377,250	..	475,548	502	2,204	881,363	7,370	1,744,237

## TIN.

1939 ..	366,138	47,233	200,652	..	3,871	282,798	4,487	905,179
1944 ..	309,860	12,835	275,185	..	2,351	235,612	2,086	837,929
1945 ..	291,788	9,869	207,943	..	4,370	240,369	5,026	759,370
1946 ..	257,153	14,917	220,901	..	5,838	240,584	3,228	742,621
1947 ..	246,423	25,397	390,833	..	5,565	353,045	4,698	1,025,961
1948 ..	302,045	20,695	224,579	..	12,985	427,372	12,055	999,731

## COAL (Black).

		(b)						(b)
1939 ..	7,027,035	259,814	1,167,844	..	362,811	74,460	..	8,891,964
1944 ..	9,761,304	407,793	1,785,621	12,117	583,076	122,673	..	12,672,584
1945 ..	9,451,930	494,690	1,759,311	14,508	572,896	125,719	..	12,419,054
1946 ..	10,534,914	392,812	1,692,272	47,411	730,104	137,736	..	13,535,249
1947 ..	12,101,178	299,784	2,237,738	(b) 67,777	840,249	154,725	..	15,701,451
1948 ..	14,938,182	347,687	2,347,065	(b) 119,732	880,236	177,652	..	18,810,554

## ALL MINERALS.

1939 ..	12,388,618	2,248,169	4,556,962	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	244,478	37,103,681
1944 ..	17,057,611	1,602,105	4,477,087	2,926,666	5,667,497	2,220,136	126,025	34,077,207
1945 ..	16,879,131	1,830,374	4,355,127	2,909,991	5,894,238	1,934,066	176,197	33,289,124
1946 ..	20,327,962	2,079,353	4,761,403	2,776,145	7,586,707	2,855,674	166,543	40,553,787
1947 ..	26,264,688	2,206,628	8,545,299	3,209,382	8,862,277	4,224,756	229,437	50,342,467
1948 ..	36,381,386	2,349,334	9,211,588	3,260,309	8,540,950	4,366,730	294,078	64,404,375

(a) Except for gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency. (b) Excludes Brown Coal produced—Victoria, 1939, £385,952; 1944, £566,444; 1945, £641,069; 1946, £706,504; 1947, £937,429; 1948, £1,187,715. South Australia, 1947, £33; 1948, £122.

## ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

(RECORDED INDUSTRIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

(£'000.)

Industry.	1938-39.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48. (a)
Agricultural ..	41,679	82,141	72,636	104,627	99,042	208,746
Pastoral ..	63,821	108,406	98,440	86,312	130,207	193,048
Dairying ..	33,782	44,823	46,183	49,540	49,858	60,540
Poultry ..	7,302	12,727	14,800	15,129	14,706	16,745
Bee-farming ..	123	393	517	413	872	737
Total Rural ..	146,707	248,490	232,576	256,021	294,685	479,816
Trapping ..	1,422	6,684	6,207	8,554	9,380	7,303
Forestry ..	7,811	11,488	11,531	12,537	14,695	17,768
Fisheries(b) ..	1,655	1,968	2,235	2,600	3,293	3,503
Mines and Quarries ..	27,375	27,612	26,831	26,288	32,486	42,581
Total Non-Rural ..	38,263	47,752	46,804	49,979	59,854	71,155
Total All Primary	184,970	296,242	279,380	306,000	354,539	550,971
Factories ..	203,416	366,236	362,284	352,323	410,862	489,296
Total All Industries	388,386	662,478	641,664	658,323	765,401	1,040,267

## PER HEAD OF MEAN POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Agricultural ..	6 0 3	11 5 11	9 17 8	14 1 9	13 3 5	27 6 5
Pastoral ..	9 4 1	14 18 2	13 7 11	11 12 4	17 6 4	25 5 4
Dairying ..	4 17 5	6 3 4	6 5 8	6 13 4	6 12 8	7 18 6
Poultry ..	1 1 1	1 15 0	2 0 3	2 0 9	1 19 1	2 3 10
Bee-farming ..	0 0 4	0 1 1	0 1 5	0 1 1	0 2 4	0 1 11
Total Rural ..	21 3 2	34 3 6	31 12 11	34 9 3	39 3 10	62 16 0
Trapping ..	0 4 1	0 18 5	0 16 11	1 3 0	1 5 0	0 19 1
Forestry ..	1 2 6	1 11 7	1 11 5	1 13 9	1 19 1	2 6 6
Fisheries(b) ..	0 4 9	0 5 5	0 6 1	0 7 0	0 8 9	0 9 2
Mines and Quarries ..	3 19 0	3 15 11	3 13 0	3 10 9	4 6 5	5 11 6
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 4	6 11 4	6 7 5	6 14 6	7 19 3	9 6 3
Total All Primary	26 13 6	40 14 10	38 0 4	41 3 9	47 3 1	72 2 3
Factories ..	29 6 9	50 7 3	49 5 11	47 8 4	54 12 11	64 0 11
Total All Industries	56 0 3	91 2 1	87 6 3	88 12 1	101 16 0	136 3 2

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Local value.



**ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—STATE DETAILS, 1947-48. (a)**  
(£'000.)

Industry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural .. ..	71,003	48,173	22,730	39,939	22,964	3,937	208,746
Pastoral .. ..	76,622	41,314	37,614	16,335	16,815	4,348	193,048
Dairying .. ..	18,443	19,916	14,168	4,985	2,036	992	60,540
Poultry .. ..	6,956	5,976	806	1,914	375	718	16,745
Bee-farming .. ..	293	196	55	135	50	8	737
Total Rural .. ..	173,317	115,575	75,373	63,308	42,240	10,003	479,816
Trapping .. ..	2,528	3,435	202	515	197	426	7,303
Forestry .. ..	5,741	3,494	3,394	1,700	1,605	1,834	17,768
Fisheries(b) .. ..	1,224	449	561	214	565	490	3,503
Mines and Quarries .. ..	22,285	2,297	4,379	3,519	5,883	4,218	42,581
Total Non-Rural .. ..	31,778	9,675	8,536	5,948	8,250	6,968	71,155
Total All Primary .. ..	205,095	125,250	83,909	69,256	50,490	16,971	550,971
Factories .. ..	218,611	158,501	42,886	38,670	18,384	12,244	489,296
Total All Industries	423,706	283,751	126,795	107,926	68,874	29,215	1,040,267

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Local value.

**MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.**

Year.	No. of Establi- shments.	Hands Em- ployed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output.
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
1933-39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1944-45	28,930	750,579	207,651,800	366,497,167	496,883,671	362,283,355	886,004,777
1945-46	31,184	745,258	205,818,733	372,484,159	488,287,428	352,323,441	867,647,517
1946-47	34,768	804,929	237,173,766	382,844,875	569,144,364	410,861,742	1,011,026,206
1947-48	37,356	848,876	285,765,264	424,862,740	683,729,030	489,296,648	1,210,119,397
1948-49(c)	40,059	890,232	339,287,159	479,234,068	810,545,904	568,409,596	1,425,022,238

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.

(c) Subject to revision.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by

working proprietors.



## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—STATE DETAILS.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Hands employed(a) .. "	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	44,606,497	36,026,542	10,887,229	8,169,350	4,573,558	2,479,886	106,743,062
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	7,651,627	3,999,934	1,423,549	1,017,537	1,169,268	438,006	15,699,921
5. " materials used £	120,501,795	82,971,608	42,596,049	20,308,797	9,603,657	5,321,540	281,303,446
6. " production .. £	90,265,891	65,996,069	19,301,475	13,678,930	8,775,586	5,398,659	203,416,610
7. " output of fact's. £	218,419,313	152,967,611	63,321,073	35,005,264	19,548,511	11,158,205	500,419,977
8. " land & buildings £	57,353,625	42,026,245	12,299,089	8,710,700	6,813,653	3,717,102	130,920,414
9. " plant & mchnry. £	62,692,956	38,626,743	18,095,415	9,749,679	8,095,064	6,402,270	143,662,127
1947-48.							
1. Factories .. No.	15,194	11,642	3,642	2,865	2,788	1,225	37,356
2. Hands employed(a) .. "	363,365	278,271	76,754	73,346	35,967	21,173	848,876
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	125,345,878	93,802,188	24,163,216	24,852,998	10,735,647	6,865,337	285,765,264
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	17,313,940	9,014,905	3,184,155	4,280,739	2,284,627	1,015,353	37,093,719
5. " materials used £	292,556,789	209,896,100	79,173,835	61,620,640	24,956,972	15,524,694	683,729,030
6. " production .. £	218,610,856	158,501,020	42,886,353	38,669,705	18,384,197	12,244,517	489,296,648
7. " output of fact's. £	523,481,585	377,412,025	125,244,343	104,571,034	45,625,796	28,784,564	1,210,119,397
8. " land & buildings £	91,860,393	66,229,391	16,608,766	20,690,827	9,482,660	6,271,365	211,143,402
9. " plant & mchnry. £	86,714,082	65,829,201	21,830,685	20,239,623	9,189,910	9,915,837	213,719,338
1948-49.(c)							
1. Factories .. No.	16,087	12,691	4,083	2,927	2,925	1,346	40,059
2. Hands employed(a) .. "	378,380	292,006	82,945	75,945	38,354	22,602	890,232
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	146,535,642	112,410,440	29,446,634	29,510,207	12,927,830	8,456,406	339,287,159
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	21,611,375	11,341,802	4,085,075	5,123,290	2,745,181	1,160,015	46,066,738
5. " materials used £	336,913,961	252,741,001	97,042,870	75,227,229	29,198,424	19,422,419	810,545,904
6. " production .. £	251,198,845	182,755,076	53,539,212	43,667,633	21,174,228	16,074,602	568,409,596
7. " output of fact's. £	609,724,181	446,837,899	154,667,157	124,018,152	53,117,833	36,657,036	1,425,022,238
8. " land & buildings £	101,240,784	73,383,784	18,508,105	22,217,619	10,054,598	7,334,911	232,739,861
9. " plant & mchnry. £	99,812,061	76,079,598	25,756,957	22,791,991	9,800,130	12,253,470	246,494,207

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.  
(c) Subject to revision.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.  
(£.)

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	5,146,151	5,473,040	7,656,830	9,705,764
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,571,757	6,065,447	8,075,879	9,355,698
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	12,456,370	22,581,459	24,491,943	28,640,650
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances ..	62,434,973	129,692,358	146,395,129	181,309,282
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	931,085	1,375,856	2,208,333	2,852,022
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	10,917,765	22,035,957	26,931,448	32,080,160
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,182,881	6,850,142	8,612,097	9,273,381
VIII. Clothing ..	16,551,031	29,834,761	36,845,821	43,340,155
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	41,601,107	61,987,739	69,141,447	78,170,670
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	9,460,742	15,590,292	19,216,284	24,492,450
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c... ..	4,200,035	5,467,214	7,261,726	9,097,591
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. ..	14,559,073	20,496,204	26,121,427	29,593,069
XIII. Rubber ..	2,761,075	4,181,676	5,549,546	6,446,148
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	136,432	206,973	347,017	401,950
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	2,097,998	6,608,907	7,992,996	9,801,875
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	11,408,135	13,875,416	14,013,819	14,735,783
Total ..	203,416,610	352,323,441	410,861,742	489,296,648

**MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1948-49.**

(Per cent.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Wages(a) ..	24.03	25.15	19.04	23.80	24.34	23.07	23.81
Power, Fuel, &c. ..	3.54	2.54	2.64	4.13	5.17	3.16	3.23
Materials used ..	55.26	56.56	62.74	60.66	54.97	52.98	56.88
Margin for other miscellaneous expenses, charges, profits, &c. ..	17.17	15.75	15.58	11.41	15.52	20.79	16.08
Total output	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	58.33	61.50	55.00	67.58	61.05	52.61	59.69

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

**MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)**

(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females ..	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1944-45—Males ..	342.98	336.03	324.60	305.39	311.36	301.54	333.03
Females ..	169.83	175.27	153.12	164.86	142.91	157.09	169.44
1945-46—Males ..	335.34	330.86	314.56	305.70	306.74	301.35	326.99
Females ..	172.65	179.26	155.85	156.05	142.62	159.02	171.88
1946-47—Males ..	355.02	349.29	322.54	331.31	315.15	323.62	345.18
Females ..	190.48	196.20	167.04	169.41	155.20	173.45	188.36
1947-48—Males ..	405.77	401.52	357.14	385.31	349.33	369.89	394.24
Females ..	215.16	222.98	191.38	199.25	173.38	202.32	213.99
1948-49—Males ..	455.88	261.17	405.19	442.11	390.29	425.40	446.20
Females ..	274.75	457.85	216.90	227.81	208.35	234.25	246.83

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

(b) Subject to revision.

**MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1948-49.(b)**

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	282,312	208,184	68,385	61,005	31,682	18,508	670,076
Females ..	96,068	83,822	14,560	14,940	6,672	4,094	220,156
Masculinity(a) ..	294	248	470	408	475	452	304

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

(b) Subject to revision.

## Section III.—Building.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.—SIX MONTHS ENDED  
DECEMBER, 1949.(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)  
 (£'000.)

Kind of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
<b>Houses—</b>								
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone Wood (Weatherboard, &c.) .. ..	7,822	7,586	959	2,924	1,234	624	199	21,348
Fibro Cement .. ..	1,956	6,128	4,202	29	95	1,132	71	13,613
Other .. ..	6,822	794	597	438	924	75	68	9,718
	120	302	75	84	24	5	..	610
<b>Total Houses ..</b>	<b>16,720</b>	<b>14,810</b>	<b>5,833</b>	<b>3,475</b>	<b>2,277</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>45,289</b>
<b>Flats .. ..</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1,542</b>
Shops with Dwellings ..	169	278	25	2	8	10	..	492
Shops without Dwellings	89	28	49	4	22	39	..	231
Hotels, Guest Houses, Boarding Houses, &c.	148	45	1	65	25	47	30	361
Factories .. ..	1,337	538	47	245	119	386	1	2,673
Other New Buildings ..	1,386	839	674	426	258	136	116	3,835
<b>Total Other Buildings</b>	<b>4,113</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>9,134</b>
<b>Total New Buildings</b>	<b>20,833</b>	<b>17,036</b>	<b>6,632</b>	<b>4,217</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>2,475</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>54,423</b>

## VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)  
 (£'000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
COMMENCED.								
<b>Year 1945-46 ..</b>	<b>(a)</b>	<b>(a)</b>	<b>(a)</b>	<b>(a)</b>	<b>(a)</b>	<b>(a)</b>	<b>(a)</b>	<b>(a)</b>
" 1946-47 ..	30,458	20,398	9,319	4,848	3,036	2,718	749	71,526
" 1947-48 ..	36,196	26,841	12,093	5,341	4,420	3,607	2,606	91,104
" 1948-49 ..	45,154	36,325	13,192	7,599	5,825	5,371	1,722	115,188
<b>Six months ended—</b>								
Dec., 1948 ..	22,351	17,329	6,058	3,673	2,957	2,414	464	55,246
Dec., 1949 ..	23,652	20,089	8,184	5,077	3,617	3,762	658	65,039

## COMPLETED.

<b>Year 1945-46 ..</b>	<b>9,305</b>	<b>5,471</b>	<b>3,320</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>21,491</b>
" 1946-47 ..	17,097	11,067	7,257	2,744	2,117	1,417	310	42,009
" 1947-48 ..	24,305	17,891	10,390	4,080	3,323	2,279	509	62,782
" 1948-49 ..	33,737	27,357	12,199	6,483	4,707	3,810	757	89,050
<b>Six months ended—</b>								
Dec., 1948 ..	17,052	13,679	6,134	3,067	2,386	1,842	305	44,465
Dec., 1949 ..	20,833	17,036	6,632	4,217	2,720	2,475	510	54,423

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

<b>Year 1945-46 ..</b>	<b>14,614</b>	<b>9,827</b>	<b>3,164</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>1,403</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>33,396</b>
" 1946-47 ..	30,041	19,333	5,337	4,774	2,872	2,759	884	66,000
" 1947-48 ..	44,461	29,573	7,232	6,170	4,452	4,146	3,013	99,047
" 1948-49 ..	59,172	41,607	8,479	7,735	6,416	5,872	3,956	133,237
<b>Six months ended—</b>								
Dec., 1948 ..	51,863	34,924	7,219	6,984	5,347	4,689	3,163	114,189
Dec., 1949 ..	66,733	45,518	9,933	8,929	7,601	7,267	4,321	150,302

(a) Not available.

# **NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED.—SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1949.**

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Materials of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone ..	3,459	3,610	496	1,994	785	315	97	10,756
Wood (Weatherboard, &c.) ..	1,409	3,769	3,523	35	112	878	44	9,770
Fibro Cement ..	4,962	637	583	325	856	79	53	7,495
Other ..	80	181	92	43	23	3	..	422
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>9,910</b>	<b>8,197</b>	<b>4,694</b>	<b>2,397</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>28,443</b>

## **NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.**

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
<b>COMMENCED.</b>								
Year 1945-46 ..	12,900	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
" 1946-47 ..	17,720	12,959	8,925	3,269	2,405	1,642	323	47,243
" 1947-48 ..	19,807	14,878	9,528	3,580	3,075	2,062	393	53,323
" 1948-49 ..	21,291	15,487	9,361	4,561	3,343	2,849	534	57,926
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1948 ..	11,012	7,831	4,585	2,144	2,024	1,242	195	29,033
Dec., 1949 ..	11,073	9,669	4,954	2,566	2,286	1,777	194	32,519

## **COMPLETED.**

Year 1945-46 ..	5,596	3,666	3,385	1,332	860	479	58	15,376
" 1946-47 ..	12,187	7,436	7,746	2,227	1,792	1,070	149	32,607
" 1947-48 ..	14,858	11,846	9,204	3,009	2,771	1,544	271	43,503
" 1948-49 ..	17,864	14,278	9,354	3,989	3,244	2,287	323	51,339
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1948 ..	9,498	7,583	4,886	1,925	1,730	1,109	168	26,899
Dec., 1949 ..	9,910	8,197	4,694	2,397	1,776	1,275	194	28,443

## **UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.**

Year 1945-46 ..	9,200	6,142	2,441	1,559	865	1,013	188	21,408
" 1946-47 ..	14,737	11,680	3,627	2,654	1,521	1,557	368	36,144
" 1947-48 ..	19,686	14,712	3,951	3,203	1,841	2,065	491	45,949
" 1948-49 ..	23,113	15,921	3,958	3,940	2,439	2,575	696	52,642
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1948 ..	21,200	14,960	3,650	3,458	2,135	2,161	512	48,076
Dec., 1949 ..	24,276	17,393	4,218	4,156	2,949	3,073	694	56,759

(a) Not available.

## **NUMBER OF NEW FLATS COMPLETED.(a)**

(INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Year 1945-46 ..	10	14	16	4	2	..	..	46
" 1946-47 ..	157	86	55	..	..	21	..	319
" 1947-48 ..	557	167	41	..	..	3	..	768
" 1948-49 ..	894	368	32	6	..	25	20	1,345
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1948 ..	496	216	17	6	..	5	8	(b) 748
Dec., 1949 ..	621	171	3	..	10	18	16	(c) 839

(a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown above. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. (b) In this period 1,123 flats were commenced, and 2,107 flats were under construction at the end of the period. (c) In this period 1,028 flats were commenced, and 2,604 flats were under construction at the end of the period.



**Section IV.—Oversea Trade.**  
**COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE.**  
 (£A'000 f.o.b.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
<b>IMPORTS.</b>					
New South Wales .. .. .	53,088	87,963	94,378	151,917	178,119
Victoria .. .. .	40,463	61,628	76,475	120,600	145,573
Queensland .. .. .	9,070	12,246	13,658	22,560	32,484
South Australia .. .. .	6,670	10,007	13,609	22,954	30,457
Western Australia .. .. .	6,137	5,509	9,464	17,155	22,038
Tasmania .. .. .	1,292	1,307	1,812	4,282	6,256
Northern Territory .. .. .	34	197	89	278	267
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>116,754</b>	<b>178,857</b>	<b>209,485</b>	<b>339,746</b>	<b>415,194</b>
<b>EXPORTS.(a)</b>					
New South Wales .. .. .	45,903	76,841	116,580	134,750	176,754
Victoria .. .. .	30,819	75,916	88,611	115,964	136,459
Queensland .. .. .	28,652	27,085	43,195	48,312	99,122
South Australia .. .. .	14,841	20,154	32,512	52,902	69,531
Western Australia .. .. .	17,070	19,458	23,032	48,670	43,295
Tasmania .. .. .	3,198	3,612	5,082	9,283	12,490
Northern Territory .. .. .	13	222	17	73	22
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>140,496</b>	<b>223,288</b>	<b>309,029</b>	<b>409,954</b>	<b>542,673</b>

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

**EXTERNAL TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.**

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.					
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.			
								Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1938-39..	257,250	116,754	135,476	5,020	140,496	37 2 0	16 16 9	19 10 9	0 14 6	20 5 3	
1945-46..	402,145	178,857	218,821	4,467	223,288	54 2 5	24 1 5	29 9 0	0 12 0	30 1 0	
1946-47..	518,514	209,485	304,454	4,575	309,029	68 19 1	27 17 2	40 9 9	0 12 2	41 1 11	
1947-48..	749,700	339,746	404,716	5,238	409,954	97 4 3	44 1 1	52 9 7	0 13 7	53 3 2	
1948-49..	957,867	415,194	537,570	5,103	542,673	122 16 5	53 4 9	68 18 7	0 13 1	69 11 8	
1949-50 (9 months)	824,262	383,908	436,473	3,881	440,354	..	..	..	..	..	

(a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of ships' stores in £A'000 were 1938-39, £2,106; 1945-46, £6,332; 1946-47, £4,507; 1947-48, £5,510; 1948-49, £7,815; and 1949-50 (nine months), £5,512.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Year.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports.		
	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.
1938-39..	113,217	3,537	116,754	121,533	18,963	140,496	8,316	15,426	23,742
1945-46..	177,095	1,762	178,857	196,424	26,864	223,288	19,329	25,102	44,431
1946-47..	203,343	1,142	209,485	308,909	120	309,029	10,566	-1,022	99,544
1947-48..	338,085	1,661	339,746	404,988	4,966	409,954	66,903	3,305	70,208
1948-49..	414,056	1,138	415,194	541,103	1,570	542,673	127,047	432	127,479
1949-50 (9 months)	382,291	1,617	383,908	438,940	1,414	440,354	56,649	-203	56,446

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of imports.



**IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE  
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1949.**

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

OVERSEA TRADE.

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Borneo (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Bahrein Islands.	Belgium.	China.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	226	..	11	3,473	3	..	311	..	146	..	..	3
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	636	100	..	..	1,728	142	79	20	4	..	1	39
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	469	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof ..	2,273	..	..	..	34	..	1	..	29	..	1	..
5. Live animals ..	68	..	..	..	..	3	52	1	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances (mainly un-manufactured) not food-stuffs ..	54	..	3	..	184	4	204	1	12	..	..	203
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ..	582	3	47	117	1,082	50	191	4	125	..	5	13
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	33,563	..	301	12	10,503	41	8	50	..	..	191	189
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	194	1,938	2	..	289	121	53	3,526	60	1,945	1	118
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	425	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	33	..
11. Rocks and minerals ..	464	..	96	8	368	7	9	18	584	..	1	2
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	66,641	..	3,718	..	2	12	69	2	391	..	989	1
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	2,518	2	3	23	4	1,424	20	7	20	..	..	..
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured ..	207	260	918	..	3	77	314	7	..	..	4	16
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c. ..	3,166	..	80	..	4	..	50	3	..	..	210	2
16. Pulp, paper and stationery ..	4,458	..	1,371	..	1	..	42	..	2	..	3	2
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	1,954	..	..	10	29	..	10	1	201	..	14	7
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	1,962	..	132	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	9	..
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers ..	2,952	..	90	7	5	4	23	1	12	..	67	29
20. Miscellaneous ..	2,599	1	32	2	15	6	78	19	8	..	29	20
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	597	..	..	..	..	..
Total .. ..	125,411	2,304	6,806	3,652	14,254	1,891	2,121	3,660	1,594	1,945	1,558	645

**Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries during the Six Months ended December, 1949—continued.**  
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Classes of Goods.	Czecho- slovakia.	Egypt.	France.	Italy.	Nether- lands.	Nether- lands Dep'ty.— Indonesia.	Norway.	Persia.	Sweden.	Switzer- land.	United States of America.	Total, All Coun- tries.(a)
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	15	..	18	3	10	..	233	..	..	..	77	1,186
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	2	..	20	65	156	10	1	..	..	..	99	8,477
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	..	..	50	2	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	565
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof ..	..	1	..	..	107	20	..	..	..	..	1,180	4,742
5. Live animals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	128
6. Animal substances (mainly un- manufactured) not food- stuffs ..	..	..	8	3	..	..	44	..	43	..	19	922
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ..	..	51	18	42	17	9	7	8	1	58	321	5,507
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	990	1	975	1,937	686	3	3	..	12	155	777	51,868
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	..	..	57	13	37	5,931	..	4,382	11	..	2,757	22,453
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	..	2	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	247	879
11. Rocks and minerals ..	..	..	1	8	2	..	2	62	7	..	718	2,645
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	296	..	1,608	793	230	..	278	..	560	833	15,072	97,447
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	7	..	17	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	307	4,461
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured ..	..	..	63	8	2	1	141	6	744	1	846	4,220
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c. ..	247	..	42	54	4	..	3	..	68	..	105	4,172
16. Pulp, paper and stationery ..	23	..	15	11	75	1	490	..	1,827	5	423	9,268
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	161	..	367	37	30	..	12	..	2	337	27	3,365
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	14	..	66	64	8	1	..	..	5	23	487	2,942
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers ..	..	1	347	39	62	1	1	..	40	60	551	6,066
20. Miscellaneous ..	50	21	84	113	19	1	3	1	56	7	322	4,055
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	946
Total ..	1,805	75	3,758	3,217	1,456	5,978	1,218	4,459	3,376	1,479	24,347	236,344

(a) Excludes outside packages, £A4,826,000.

**EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1949.**

(\$A'000 f.o.b.)

OVERSEA TRADE.

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Eire.	Hong Kong.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium.	China.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	26,232	121	478	4	737	376	732	208	1,602	145	84	3
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	22,819	2,417	2,966	277	1,140	19,782	1,202	4,272	1,092	18	432	168
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	123	80	1	..	6	3	12	120	14	..	..	..
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof ..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	84	..	..	..	..
5. Live animals ..	2	..	..	..	15	4	1	35	124	..	..	..
6. Animal substances (mainly un-manufactured) not food-stuffs ..	45,300	1,976	3	118	61	54	1	181	1	24	10,164	43
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ..	40	2	1	..	2	3	2	145	13	8	3	..
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	157	62	1	..	233	7	8	488	26	24	1	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	870	1	10	5	35	137	10	60	11	11	..	5
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	2	..	5	..	17	9	3	131	8	1	..	..
11. Rocks and minerals ..	3,338	5	..	..	..	4	1	75	2	1	366	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	5,730	33	60	..	117	429	142	2,248	524	299	40	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	239	5	2	1	266	3	6	81	82	19	1	..
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured ..	301	6	25	1	2	..	8	431	10	145	5	..
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c. ..	16	..	1	..	..	..	8	119	46	7	..	..
16. Pulp, paper and stationery ..	54	3	2	..	9	1	2	276	25	4	..	..
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	6	3	2	..	5	3	..	70	15	42	..	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	109	1	3	..	5	6	1	263	8	8	..	..
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers ..	100	5	16	..	139	40	47	435	107	10	2	..
20. Miscellaneous ..	451	24	83	1	95	10	17	411	228	52	3	1
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie ..	527	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Total ..	106,416	4,744	3,659	407	2,888	20,871	2,203	10,135	3,938	818	11,110	220

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries during the Six Months ended December, 1949—*continued*.  
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Classes of Goods.	Egypt.	France.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Nether- lands Dep'ty— Indonesia.	Persia.	Poland.	Soviet Russia.	Sweden.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	652	7	119	4	41	2	159	37	..	6	347	36,258
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	945	197	200	237	15	1	92	..	..	259	6	65,543
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	458
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof ..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	195
5. Live animals ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	230
6. Animal substances (mainly un- manufactured) not food- stuffs ..	108	18,604	4,402	7,218	1,441	..	70	5,015	2,158	1,039	16,901	127,343
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ..	4	1	3	..	11	..	..	..	..	3	163	540
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	26	5	2	2	3	21	5	..	..	..	6	1,546
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	8	..	2	2	40	..	..	..	..	..	40	1,632
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	11	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	14	3	281
11. Rocks and minerals ..	..	17	81	2	11	..	..	4	..	163	817	4,940
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	9	22	1	39	106	29	11	1	..	6	688	12,066
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	..	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	13	22	898
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured ..	..	..	..	..	4	..	20	..	..	..	6	1,132
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	282
16. Pulp, paper and stationery ..	..	1	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	8	477
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	16	210
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	8	570
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers ..	17	19	1	9	9	2	..	..	..	..	53	1,300
20. Miscellaneous ..	2	6	10	370	5	2	2	6	1	4	99	2,449
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	570
Total ..	1,783	18,880	4,826	7,892	1,693	63	359	5,063	2,159	1,507	19,201	258,925



## EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—EXPORT PRICE.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Average for Year.(a)
Wool, Greasy ..	lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	<i>s. d.</i> 3 11.4 3 7.4	<i>s. d.</i> 3 6.7 3 3.7	<i>s. d.</i> 3 0.2 3 7.1	<i>s. d.</i> 3 10.9 3 10.6	<i>s. d.</i> 3 5.9 4 1.5	<i>s. d.</i> 3 11.7 4 11.2	<i>s. d.</i> 4 6.3 5 1.2	<i>s. d.</i> 4 7.6 5 8.9	<i>s. d.</i> 4 8.7 6 2.6	<i>s. d.</i> 4 3.2 ..	<i>s. d.</i> 3 11.4 ..	<i>s. d.</i> 3 3.7 ..	<i>s. d.</i> 3 11.8 ..
Wool, Scoured ..	lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	4 10.3 4 7.7	4 6.5 4 8.7	3 9.2 4 4.1	4 6.4 5 1.3	4 4.6 5 1.1	4 9.6 6 1.0	4 6.7 6 1.0	4 8.4 6 7.4	4 10.9 6 9.6	4 11.4 ..	3 10.1 ..	5 0.7 ..	4 7.2 ..
Sheepskins (with Wool) ..	No.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	18 5.0 11 10.7	13 6.2 14 1.9	17 10.3 17 9.2	16 9.5 16 8.2	13 9.9 17 4.1	15 1.4 11 2.4	14 5.0 14 1.2	13 6.8 14 0.3	11 6.8 14 1.4	11 8.1 ..	10 11.7 ..	11 1.7 ..	13 0.5 ..
Wheat ..	bushel	{ 1948-49 1949-50	18 0.3 13 4.7	18 3.9 14 5.1	16 3.2 14 9.3	16 7.0 14 8.4	15 10.9 14 11.1	16 5.5 16 1.4	14 2.1 16 9.5	15 10.7 14 10.9	15 9.1 14 1.1	15 2.5 ..	16 2.1 ..	14 3.2 ..	16 1.4 ..
Butter ..	lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	2 3.8 2 8.5	2 4.1 2 7.4	2 3.5 2 5.0	2 5.5 2 10.5	2 7.3 2 10.3	2 6.6 2 9.8	2 7.8 ..	2 9.1 2 10.0	2 7.5 2 11.9	2 8.5 ..	2 9.1 ..	2 5.9 ..	2 7.1 ..
Raisins ..	lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	0 6.5 0 7.4	0 6.8 0 6.6	0 6.7 0 6.4	0 7.5 0 9.3	0 7.3 0 8.8	0 8.7 0 10.8	0 8.0 0 11.0	0 8.3 0 11.6	0 9.8 0 8.9	0 8.2 ..	0 6.6 ..	0 6.9 ..	0 6.8 ..
Wine (b) ..	gal.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	12 0.5 10 9.3	10 1.1 7 10.1	11 0.5 8 4.8	12 5.2 9 4.3	10 0.6 7 7.9	10 6.6 8 3.7	9 9.4 6 6.3	8 10.9 10 9.7	10 5.7 8 8.4	8 5.8 ..	9 7.8 ..	8 7.7 ..	10 7.0 ..
Beef, Frozen ..	lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	0 6.7 0 8.1	0 7.0 0 8.4	0 6.6 0 8.0	0 7.1 0 8.1	0 8.0 0 8.6	0 8.4 0 8.6	0 8.7 0 10.6	0 8.8 0 10.4	0 8.6 0 10.6	0 8.3 ..	0 9.3 ..	0 7.9 ..	0 7.3 ..
Lamb, Frozen ..	lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	1 1.8 0 11.4	1 3.1 0 11.2	0 11.4 0 11.2	0 9.1 0 10.2	0 8.8 0 11.1	0 9.5 0 10.8	0 10.0 0 10.8	0 9.7 0 11.1	0 10.4 0 10.8	0 9.8 ..	0 11.7 ..	0 11.2 ..	0 9.7 ..
Mutton, Frozen ..	lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	0 7.4 0 5.7	0 11.7 0 7.3	0 10.7 0 6.6	0 9.0 0 6.8	0 7.1 0 6.8	0 5.8 0 6.0	0 5.8 0 6.0	0 5.7 0 5.5	0 5.4 0 5.4	0 5.1 ..	0 5.3 ..	0 6.4 ..	0 5.7 ..
Flour ..	cental	{ 1948-49 1949-50	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 3 10 1 12 3	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 3 9 1 14 0	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 2 5 1 14 2	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 2 1 1 14 1	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 3 0 1 13 2	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 1 10 1 14 9	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 19 7 1 16 8	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 0 7 1 11 10	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 3 2 1 15 7	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 0 0 ..	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 19 0 ..	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 13 7 ..	<i>£ s. d.</i> 2 1 2 ..
Tallow (Inedible) ..	cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	4 15 6 5 5 0	4 9 10 5 12 8	5 19 0 4 18 9	5 18 4 4 10 1	6 1 9 3 4 6	6 15 6 3 19 11	6 0 4 3 1 0	6 9 3 4 0 5	6 11 7 4 3 0	7 4 7 ..	6 1 6 ..	9 2 7 ..	6 15 10 ..
Lead (Pig) ..	cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	5 9 3 5 11 2	5 9 0 6 18 10	5 13 6 5 16 2	6 2 3 4 18 7	6 7 3 5 3 3	6 10 8 5 1 1	7 1 8 5 4 10	6 19 10 4 19 3	6 19 10 4 18 9	6 8 3 ..	6 1 11 ..	6 19 3 ..	6 8 3 ..
Zinc Bars, Blocks, ..	cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	3 10 11 3 10 4	4 0 5 5 7 4	4 7 1 4 13 4	4 2 10 4 19 2	6 10 0 3 3 7	4 0 4 4 0 7	6 9 0 4 19 5	4 18 1 3 6 8	5 12 0 5 0 6	6 0 5 ..	5 17 10 ..	5 9 9 ..	4 12 11 ..
Sugar, Raw ..	ton	{ 1948-49 1949-50	32 0 0 32 8 4	31 19 5 32 9 11	32 0 7 29 6 8	32 0 0 31 16 11	31 19 10 32 11 0	32 0 0 32 9 4	32 0 9 32 10 2	32 0 0 32 10 2	32 0 1 34 18 1	32 0 1 ..	32 2 10 ..	32 0 11 ..	31 15 10 ..

(a) Average price of total exports for the year.

(b) In bulk over 27 per cent. proof.

**EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—QUANTITIES.**

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	Septem-ber.	October.	Novem-ber.	Decem-ber.	January.	Febru-ary.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Total for Year.
Wool, Greasy ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	98,167 82,920	31,627 54,896	29,256 38,149	82,611 100,820	101,819 116,842	118,077 104,593	72,642 113,875	86,760 85,028	77,617 108,132	65,010 ..	121,647 ..	96,803 ..	982,036 ..
Wool, Scoured, Tops, &c. ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	13,507 12,093	10,059 12,444	11,288 12,356	10,470 11,198	12,277 15,157	14,319 13,104	12,628 15,434	12,398 15,535	15,661 16,535	11,281 ..	22,503 ..	9,770 ..	156,161 ..
Sheepskins (with Wool) ..	'000 No.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	472 984	591 1,381	519 958	589 852	1,026 1,101	674 1,223	1,019 1,241	1,008 1,555	1,451 1,894	946 ..	1,566 ..	1,394 ..	11,255 ..
Wheat ..	'000 bus.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	10,989 6,217	6,078 8,344	7,174 7,352	3,543 5,790	5,571 5,377	3,868 2,917	5,609 2,408	9,193 9,417	6,637 6,819	5,725 ..	9,779 ..	8,963 ..	83,129 ..
Flour ..	'000 cental	{ 1948-49 1949-50	1,674 1,232	1,779 1,167	2,199 1,660	1,251 1,845	1,518 904	1,026 1,506	592 854	1,764 1,017	1,232 1,509	1,524 ..	1,261 ..	1,216 ..	17,036 ..
Butter ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	9,734 4,017	7,253 4,844	5,595 10,064	10,547 6,527	30,642 12,467	18,613 11,184	13,065 21,489	25,604 55,233	23,429 12,197	17,084 ..	10,978 ..	11,010 ..	183,554 ..
Raisins ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	22,329 5,663	12,908 16,954	17,555 10,540	6,479 1,042	3,220 674	942 295	1,713 97	2,476 125	146 17	1,232 ..	10,536 ..	3,517 ..	83,053 ..
Wines (all kinds)	'000 gal.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	108 52	96 83	325 128	202 57	227 95	133 103	76 106	76 79	214 150	35 ..	69 ..	191 ..	1,878 ..
Beef, Frozen ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	58,352 24,832	29,376 26,769	29,689 36,162	15,728 12,641	6,123 15,916	11,945 10,712	5,875 4,820	5,544 5,479	4,686 7,844	5,601 ..	5,856 ..	12,878 ..	191,653 ..
Lamb, Frozen ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	250 1,165	284 2,140	632 4,954	5,159 9,149	7,953 15,282	10,028 24,784	19,974 19,410	19,753 30,917	12,818 4,775	6,374 ..	2,123 ..	2,007 ..	87,355 ..
Mutton, Frozen	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	534 992	331 669	451 1,712	140 4,230	630 5,527	1,447 6,584	2,451 6,953	2,751 20,418	7,647 7,741	4,801 ..	6,046 ..	280 ..	27,509 ..
Tallow, Inedible	'000 cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	9 37	6 34	9 34	21 37	7 16	13 19	13 19	5 50	13 31	10 ..	16 ..	20 ..	142 ..
Lead (Pig) ..	'000 cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	73 168	348 94	161 91	166 70	411 231	162 257	182 132	280 221	294 501	125 ..	60 ..	287 ..	2,549 ..
Zinc Bars, Blocks, etc. ..	'000 cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	18 1	137 85	51 52	23 6	.. 53	152 159	3 34	133 114	2 100	77 ..	62 ..	43 ..	701 ..
Sugar, Raw and Refined ..	'000 ton	{ 1948-49 1949-50	11 11	39 53	44 91	49 44	39 57	70 58	27 18	49 28	32 20	25 ..	15 ..	15 ..	415 ..

## CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and from Individual Items of the Excise Tariff and Total Revenue collected during the March quarters of 1949 and 1950, the nine months ended March, 1949 and 1950, and the years ended June, 1948 and 1949.

(£A.)

Division.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.		Year ended June.	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.	1948.	1949.
<b>CUSTOMS.</b>						
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages	274,918	338,949	894,453	1,089,527	942,730	1,173,699
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof	3,523,219	4,752,388	11,534,647	14,160,367	11,995,964	15,555,821
3. Sugar	550	427	3,816	1,714	7,122	4,327
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries	361,931	493,705	1,009,488	1,131,210	1,466,786	1,331,330
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire	1,818,671	1,896,932	5,113,215	5,560,952	5,802,888	6,825,285
6. Metals and Machinery	1,668,308	2,625,493	4,382,111	7,076,582	4,702,732	6,347,396
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes	4,112,115	4,950,328	12,508,318	14,205,461	16,222,672	17,391,657
8. Earthenware, &c.	256,145	298,608	836,690	876,601	1,108,006	1,106,179
9. Drugs and Chemicals	95,163	117,516	268,791	313,016	455,499	364,236
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane	287,106	281,749	729,276	888,994	697,196	1,016,998
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods	258,013	439,275	905,123	1,365,403	974,859	1,248,691
12. Leather and Rubber	246,554	308,937	750,121	867,614	821,435	961,790
13. Paper and Stationery	151,783	130,141	424,404	382,537	779,458	555,372
14. Vehicles	1,106,378	2,603,150	2,842,718	6,092,457	2,773,155	4,012,523
15. Musical Instruments	23,808	21,365	56,531	64,489	50,860	78,879
16. Miscellaneous	519,624	364,926	1,681,244	1,135,765	2,963,218	2,060,313
Primage	1,381,477	1,651,058	4,386,903	4,491,276	7,349,576	5,885,424
Ships' Stores	21,657	34,028	70,818	93,180	58,457	101,107
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	50,912	49,043	259,842	134,600	745,296	418,467
<b>Total Customs</b>	<b>16,158,332</b>	<b>21,358,018</b>	<b>48,658,509</b>	<b>59,931,745</b>	<b>59,917,909</b>	<b>66,439,494</b>
<b>EXCISE.</b>						
Beer	8,241,737	9,245,397	24,233,795	24,934,841	27,062,418	31,817,084
Cigarette Papers	213,836	231,401	674,147	736,739	1,060,066	897,541
Coal		75,780		112,313		
Matches	297,344	252,634	911,609	912,207	1,305,776	1,227,692
Petrol	476,556	539,141	1,614,275	1,947,669	1,835,258	2,249,163
Playing Cards	15,968	9,965	51,118	44,355	58,170	67,413
Spirits	1,695,636	1,429,068	5,360,082	5,200,713	6,764,216	7,058,315
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff	4,668,911	4,807,344	14,358,544	15,265,232	19,716,474	19,179,891
Other Excise, including Licences	72,602	72,423	259,628	208,101	300,785	330,923
<b>Total Excise</b>	<b>15,682,590</b>	<b>16,663,158</b>	<b>47,463,198</b>	<b>49,362,220</b>	<b>58,103,163</b>	<b>62,828,022</b>
<b>Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections</b>	<b>31,840,922</b>	<b>38,021,176</b>	<b>96,121,707</b>	<b>109,293,965</b>	<b>118,021,072</b>	<b>129,267,516</b>
Refunds and Drawback paid	727,266	981,223	2,245,101	2,718,187	2,410,678	3,070,023
<b>TOTAL NET REVENUE</b>	<b>31,113,656</b>	<b>37,039,953</b>	<b>93,876,606</b>	<b>106,575,778</b>	<b>115,610,394</b>	<b>126,197,493</b>

# VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs.  
(Subject to revision.)

## IMPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.</b>				
Fish—				
Preserved in tins .. .. .	380	874	2,100	1,362
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c. .. ..	160	228	651	615
Meats—				
Preserved in tins .. .. .	4	1	9	20
Potted or Concentrated .. .. .	1	4	13	14
Sausage Casings.. .. .	113	47	252	151
Other .. .. .	..	..	2	1
Milk and Cream .. .. .	3	2	14	7
Other Animal Foodstuffs .. .. .	50	163	149	335
<b>Total, Class I. .. .. .</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>2,505</b>
<b>CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.</b>				
Caramel and Cocoa Butter .. .. .	173	281	561	794
Cocoa and Chocolate .. .. .	228	42	1,148	1,146
Coffee and Chicory .. .. .	72	232	309	567
Confectionery .. .. .	16	27	174	113
Fruits, Dried, including Dates .. .. .	161	197	235	207
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i., preserved in liquid	3	101	14	185
Ginger .. .. .	7	10	12	29
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared .. .. .	57	111	398	385
Prepared .. .. .	2	2	5	13
Liquorice .. .. .	24	16	45	27
Mustard .. .. .	1	..	1	1
Nuts, Edible .. .. .	148	252	497	797
Pickles and Sauces .. .. .	16	14	39	52
Sago and Tapioca .. .. .	35	25	109	88
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape .. .. .	3	3	15	17
Spices .. .. .	79	168	239	404
Sugar and Sugar Products .. .. .	3	12	34	43
Tea .. .. .	2,210	3,086	5,693	7,902
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs.. .. .	104	191	166	477
<b>Total, Class II. .. .. .</b>	<b>3,342</b>	<b>4,770</b>	<b>9,694</b>	<b>13,247</b>
<b>CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.</b>				
Ale, Beer and Porter .. .. .	48	85	143	240
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy .. .. .	29	7	87	32
Gin .. .. .	7	15	31	44
Rum .. .. .	7	2	12	9
Whisky .. .. .	108	141	326	440
Other, including Liqueurs and Bitters .. .. .	20	12	61	38
Wine, Fermented—				
Sparkling .. .. .	13	8	60	18
Other .. .. .	7	6	17	20
<b>Total, Class III. .. .. .</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>841</b>



**Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.**  
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
<b>CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.</b>				
Cigars, Cigarettes .. .. .	801	1,400	2,529	3,644
Tobacco—				
Manufactured .. .. .	103	127	262	340
Unmanufactured .. .. .	1,232	2,406	3,526	4,691
Total, Class IV. .. .. .	2,136	3,933	6,317	8,675
<b>CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS</b> .. .. .	166	178	375	306
<b>CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.</b>				
Glue Pieces and Sinews .. .. .	3	13	9	19
Gut—Imitation and Natural .. .. .	3	3	14	13
Hair and Fibre .. .. .	130	126	319	346
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse .. .. .	16	12	62	51
Sheep .. .. .	15	..	58	3
Other .. .. .	162	168	669	535
Silk, Raw .. .. .	83	11	383	32
Wool .. .. .	209	342	365	521
Other Animal Substances .. .. .	41	93	145	170
Total, Class VI. .. .. .	662	768	2,024	1,69 <sup>0</sup>
<b>CLASS VII.—VEGETABLES SUBSTANCES.</b>				
Copra .. .. .	418	410	963	1,233
Cork and Cork Manufacturers .. .. .	62	82	224	191
Fibres—				
Cotton, Raw and Waste .. .. .	545	1,148	3,611	2,792
Flax, Hemp, &c. .. .. .	147	103	782	441
Kapok .. .. .	25	145	407	321
Synthetic Fibres and Filaments .. .. .	65	47	339	123
Other .. .. .	97	180	485	446
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture, Mats, &c. .. .. .	16	9	103	85
Gums and Resins .. .. .	168	257	529	524
Plastic Materials .. .. .	340	556	1,149	1,299
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural .. .. .	139	124	253	368
Linseed .. .. .	164	400	1,219	892
Other .. .. .	14	54	120	97
Tanning Substances .. .. .	127	88	253	238
Other Vegetable Substances .. .. .	43	28	112	88
Total, Class VII. .. .. .	2,370	3,631	10,549	9,138
<b>CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES.</b>				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Fodder .. .. .	200	158	348	171
Corn and Flour .. .. .	3,273	2,079	8,413	8,278
Woolpacks .. .. .	959	1,072	1,809	2,512
Other .. .. .	62	11	98	38
Cordage and Twines .. .. .	146	110	455	314
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c. .. .. .	546	391	1,804	1,205
Yarns—				
Cotton .. .. .	824	479	3,367	1,446
Rayon .. .. .	1,348	807	3,890	2,555
Silk .. .. .	1	..	2	1
Wool .. .. .	129	85	257	405
Other .. .. .	97	66	320	157
Total, Class VIII. (a) .. .. .	7,585	5,258	20,763	17,082

**Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.**  
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
<b>CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.</b>				
Carpets and Other Floor Coverings .. ..	2,149	2,650	6,573	7,121
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys .. ..	26	23	134	83
Handkerchiefs, Serviettes, Tablecloths ..	207	142	1,334	948
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck .. ..	321	343	1,006	1,013
Cotton and Linen .. ..	7,695	6,025	23,317	19,858
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods .. ..	452	379	1,731	1,385
Silk, including Rayon .. ..	4,154	2,916	12,903	10,696
Velvets, Plushes, &c. .. ..	271	439	611	830
Woollens .. ..	1,353	1,611	3,057	4,197
Other .. ..	656	590	1,752	1,729
Quilts, Bed-linen, &c. .. ..	93	115	287	275
Towels and Towelling .. ..	640	554	1,793	1,825
Other Textiles .. ..	249	446	675	1,007
Total, Class VIII. (b) .. ..	18,266	16,233	55,173	50,967
<b>CLASS VIII.—(c) APPAREL.</b>				
Blouses, Shirts, Costumes, &c.—				
Not knitted .. ..	158	198	298	486
Knitted .. ..	313	315	665	705
Boots and Shoes .. ..	220	256	659	711
Buttons .. ..	38	68	106	147
Furs and Other Skins .. ..	14	23	44	55
Gloves .. ..	225	214	503	456
Hats and Caps .. ..	111	109	449	371
Socks and Stockings .. ..	693	286	1,932	1,591
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. .. ..	76	63	224	191
Trimmings and Ornaments .. ..	586	656	1,714	1,933
Other Apparel and Attire .. ..	546	605	1,335	1,457
Total, Class VIII. (c) .. ..	2,980	2,793	7,929	8,103
Total, Class VIII. .. ..	28,831	24,284	83,865	76,152
<b>CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.</b>				
Fats and Waxes, &c. .. ..	109	58	463	280
Oils—				
Kerosene .. ..	744	1,172	3,024	3,051
Linseed .. ..	299	273	1,785	470
Lubricating (Mineral) .. ..	1,357	913	3,127	3,363
Olive .. ..	52	51	265	79
Petroleum .. ..	5,368	8,281	15,436	19,997
Residual .. ..	1,705	1,840	6,629	5,837
Turpentine and Substitutes .. ..	101	170	365	421
Other .. ..	488	1,209	1,737	2,952
Total, Class IX. .. ..	10,223	13,967	32,831	36,450
<b>CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.</b>				
Paints and Colours .. ..	581	471	1,442	1,336
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c. .. ..	9	9	25	23
Total, Class X. .. ..	590	480	1,467	1,359

**Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.**  
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
<b>CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.</b>				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch .. ..	46	43	323	183
Stones—				
Abrasives .. ..	70	115	308	369
Other .. ..	7	9	31	27
Other Minerals, &c. .. ..	962	1,810	2,006	4,043
<b>Total, Class XI. .. ..</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>1,977</b>	<b>2,668</b>	<b>4,622</b>
<b>CLASS XII.—(a) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.</b>				
Alloys .. ..	157	131	381	613
Aluminium Blocks, Ingots, &c. .. ..	447	358	1,119	1,370
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers .. ..	47	126	121	309
Iron and Steel—				
Bars, Rods, &c. .. ..	300	2,633	759	5,660
Beams, Girders, Joists, &c. .. ..	10	349	14	696
Pig and Scrap .. ..	..	1	1	25
Pipes and Tubes .. ..	80	674	233	1,142
Plate and Sheet—				
Galvanized—				
Corrugated .. ..	3	551	5	1,091
Flat .. ..	2	484	2	948
Plain .. ..	378	1,286	828	2,969
Tinned .. ..	1,933	1,693	4,963	5,638
Nails .. ..	20	205	54	387
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. .. ..	1	593	1	760
Wire .. ..	224	1,171	558	3,124
Lamps and Lampware .. ..	136	163	337	493
Leaf and Foil .. ..	80	108	263	307
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. .. ..	122	224	468	552
Platedware and Cutlery .. ..	306	461	1,160	1,240
Tools of Trade .. ..	584	822	1,652	2,247
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts .. ..	1,664	447	2,772	1,293
Cycles and Cycle Parts .. ..	138	157	476	483
Motor Vehicles—				
Bodies and Parts .. ..	1,546	5,428	3,698	12,405
Chassis and Parts .. ..	7,661	15,000	20,374	36,818
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c. .. ..	743	839	1,723	2,249
Other Vehicles and Parts .. ..	305	664	816	1,690
Other Metals and Manufactures .. ..	2,542	3,637	6,412	11,245
<b>Total, Class XII. (a) .. ..</b>	<b>19,429</b>	<b>38,205</b>	<b>49,190</b>	<b>95,754</b>
<b>CLASS XII.—(b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT.</b>				
Batteries and Accumulators .. ..	38	162	101	348
Cable and Wire, covered .. ..	791	1,675	2,704	4,487
Dynamo Electric Machines .. ..	1,040	1,443	2,733	3,570
Lamps, Filament .. ..	119	176	414	466
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c. .. ..	941	1,684	2,569	3,991
Other Electrical Appliances .. ..	1,302	1,810	3,794	4,579
<b>Total, Class XII. (b) .. ..</b>	<b>4,231</b>	<b>6,950</b>	<b>12,315</b>	<b>17,441</b>

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—*continued*.  
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
<b>CLASS XII.—(c) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.</b>				
Machinery—				
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c. . . . .	169	486	629	1,215
Dairying . . . . .	150	139	413	406
Metal-working . . . . .	843	938	2,392	2,846
Mining . . . . .	403	1,807	887	3,685
Motive power (except Electric) . . . . .	4,120	7,572	9,766	19,307
Printing . . . . .	562	592	1,155	1,559
Machines—				
Sewing . . . . .	430	468	1,346	1,357
Sheep-shearing . . . . .	19	23	41	69
Weighing . . . . .	38	38	107	120
Textile-working and Appliances . . . . .	911	816	2,241	2,579
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings . . . . .	450	426	1,145	1,431
Other Machines and Machinery . . . . .	2,941	4,375	7,697	12,513
Total, Class XII. (c) . . . . .	11,036	17,680	27,819	47,087
Total, Class XII. . . . .	34,696	62,835	89,324	160,282
<b>CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.</b>				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c.	686	1,301	2,836	2,811
Rubber Manufactures—				
Elastics, &c. . . . .	113	98	409	337
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other . . . . .	471	1,493	1,154	3,689
Other . . . . .	182	145	459	410
Total, Class XIII. (a) . . . . .	1,452	3,037	4,858	7,247
<b>CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.</b>				
Leather . . . . .	53	60	184	168
Leather Manufactures, &c. . . . .	46	72	107	215
Total, Class XIII. (b) . . . . .	99	132	291	383
Total, Class XIII. . . . .	1,551	3,169	5,149	7,630
<b>CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.</b>				
Timber—				
Dressed . . . . .	722	519	1,368	1,207
Undressed . . . . .	1,489	1,498	4,018	4,346
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture . . . . .	230	355	646	1,039
Total, Class XIV. . . . .	2,441	2,372	6,032	6,592
<b>CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS, CHINA, ETC.</b>				
Crockery and Household Ware . . . . .	803	930	2,406	2,464
Glass and Glassware . . . . .	549	676	1,940	2,224
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stone-ware . . . . .	498	740	1,505	1,830
Total, Class XV. . . . .	1,850	2,346	5,851	6,518



**Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.**  
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
<b>CLASS XVI.—(a) PULP, PAPER AND BOARD.</b>				
Paper—				
Printing .. .. .	2,105	1,710	4,498	5,246
Wrapping .. .. .	461	309	1,799	704
Writing and Typewriting .. .. .	244	160	1,195	439
Other Paper .. .. .	457	565	1,178	1,261
Pulp for Paper-making .. .. .	402	440	2,337	1,018
Millboards and other Boards .. .. .	1,002	249	1,049	887
Parchment .. .. .	83	29	261	92
Total, Class XVI. (a) .. .. .	4,754	3,462	12,317	9,647
<b>CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.</b>				
Books (printed), Directories, &c. .. .. .	569	625	1,840	2,143
Pens and Pencils .. .. .	196	234	125	176
Price Lists, Catalogues, Circulars, &c. .. .. .	43	57	797	1,018
Other Stationery .. .. .	274	254	968	916
Total, Class XVI. (b) .. .. .	1,082	1,170	3,730	4,253
Total, Class XVI. .. .. .	5,836	4,632	16,047	13,900
<b>CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.</b>				
Articles for Games .. .. .	72	70	281	243
Fancy Goods—				
Toys, &c. .. .. .	103	141	551	951
Other .. .. .	160	233	662	831
Precious Stones, unset .. .. .	253	282	713	718
Jewellery .. .. .	90	131	412	431
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c. .. .. .	320	562	998	1,610
Total, Class XVII. .. .. .	998	1,419	3,617	4,784
<b>CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.</b>				
Films for Cinematographs, &c. .. .. .	310	241	788	765
Instruments—				
Optical and Meteorological .. .. .	162	226	541	594
Surgical and Dental .. .. .	310	419	903	1,017
Talking Machines—Phonographs, &c. .. .. .	106	135	526	325
Other Instruments .. .. .	610	570	1,614	1,832
Total, Class XVIII. .. .. .	1,498	1,591	4,372	4,533
<b>CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.</b>				
Acids .. .. .	56	82	209	244
Argol .. .. .	28	10	47	36
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes .. .. .	..	..	..	16
Cyanides of Potassium and Sodium .. .. .	26	56	124	148
Drugs, and Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines .. .. .	204	397	710	969
Other .. .. .	135	248	419	536
Dyes .. .. .	389	153	1,268	600
Fertilizers .. .. .	606	757	1,969	2,961
Insecticides, Disinfectants, &c., Washes and Dips .. .. .	12	21	38	69
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous) .. .. .	47	95	177	195
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations .. .. .	97	82	278	286

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—*continued.*  
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine months ended March.	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
<b>CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, ETC.—<i>continued.</i></b>				
Potassium Salts .. .. .	19	13	96	61
Salt .. .. .	21	22	79	61
Sodium Salts—				
Carbonate (Soda Ash) .. .. .	148	39	367	74
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda) .. .. .	191	34	426	97
Other .. .. .	69	55	251	186
Spirituous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices,				
Syrups .. .. .	5	9	19	20
Other .. .. .	33	22	139	67
Other Drugs and Chemicals .. .. .	825	771	2,417	2,306
Total, Class XIX. .. .. .	2,911	2,866	9,033	8,932
<b>CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.</b>				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives .. .. .	847	425	2,393	1,231
Articles of Celluloid, and Celluloid Sheets, &c. . .	42	47	112	122
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c. .. .. .	88	123	291	429
Brushware .. .. .	45	67	194	219
Goods imported per parcel post .. .. .	66	60	165	152
Musical Instruments, &c. .. .. .	175	168	442	500
Outside Packages .. .. .	2,150	2,911	5,867	7,737
Packings for Engines .. .. .	140	145	397	417
Passengers' Effects .. .. .	585	487	1,548	1,497
Vessels (Ships), including Fittings .. .. .	186	247	696	366
All other Articles .. .. .	197	574	578	1,465
Total, Class XX. .. .. .	4,521	5,254	12,683	14,135
<b>CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER, AND BRONZE SPECIE.</b>				
Gold, including gold in matte .. .. .	123	662	803	1,599
Silver, including silver in matte .. .. .	1	9	9	18
Total, Class XXI. .. .. .	124	671	812	1,617
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS.</b>				
<b>Importing States—</b>				
New South Wales .. .. .	47,390	58,955	132,352	153,022
Victoria .. .. .	35,803	47,232	106,951	131,462
Queensland .. .. .	8,602	12,913	24,439	34,846
South Australia .. .. .	7,645	11,639	22,027	33,329
Western Australia .. .. .	5,376	9,754	15,964	24,473
Tasmania .. .. .	1,806	2,236	4,657	6,287
Northern Territory .. .. .	159	9	247	489
Total { Merchandise .. .. .	106,657	142,067	305,825	382,291
{ Bullion and Specie .. .. .	124	671	812	1,617
GRAND TOTAL .. .. .	106,781	142,738	306,637	383,908

## Value of Principal Articles, &amp;c.—continued.

## EXPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.</b>				
Butter .. .. .	8,334	13,377	18,616	20,071
Margarine .. .. .	299	129	572	448
Cheese .. .. .	1,395	1,725	3,153	3,020
Eggs .. .. .	1,157	1,016	4,670	4,805
Infants' and Invalids' Foods .. .. .	254	279	930	946
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams .. .. .	135	234	530	622
Potted or Concentrated .. .. .	126	43	469	304
Pre served by Cold Process—				
Beef .. .. .	582	794	4,973	5,151
Lamb .. .. .	2,182	2,525	3,126	5,121
Mutton .. .. .	299	809	410	1,340
Pork .. .. .	452	201	707	630
Rabbits and Hares .. .. .	815	590	2,356	3,806
Preserved in tins .. .. .	1,443	1,304	5,775	6,273
Sausage Casings.. .. .	183	371	364	864
Other .. .. .	1,070	1,124	3,009	3,410
Milk and Cream .. .. .	1,690	2,348	4,367	5,248
Other Animal Foodstuffs .. .. .	679	620	1,683	1,688
Total, Class I. .. .. .	21,095	27,489	55,710	63,747
<b>CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.</b>				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory,				
Fruit Juices, &c. .. .. .	60	25	107	91
Biscuits, Cakes and Puddings, &c. .. .. .	195	791	894	2,358
Confectionery .. .. .	56	85	331	310
Fodders .. .. .	74	113	300	260
Fruit Juices and Syrups .. .. .	162	196	943	792
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants .. .. .	5	3	288	166
Raisins .. .. .	145	11	1,940	1,010
Other .. .. .	77	145	295	488
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples .. .. .	30	24	629	391
Citrus .. .. .	57	22	460	513
Other .. .. .	111	224	151	270
Fruits, preserved in liquid .. .. .	327	308	2,831	2,446
Fruits, pulped .. .. .	196	42	405	346
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley .. .. .	1,668	2,266	4,521	3,435
Oats .. .. .	945	878	5,691	1,015
Wheat .. .. .	15,246	15,086	46,982	41,251
Other .. .. .	134	156	534	1,050
Prepared—				
Breakfast Foods .. .. .	386	232	1,295	914
Flour (Wheaten) .. .. .	6,593	5,862	26,810	20,051
Rice .. .. .	221	223	1,024	855
Other .. .. .	1,044	149	3,855	597
Jams and Fruit Jellies .. .. .	349	308	1,673	2,122
Sugar .. .. .	3,508	2,211	11,637	12,227
Tea .. .. .	36	52	100	132
Vegetables—				
Dried, &c. .. .. .	21	1	28	2
Fresh .. .. .	161	112	468	435
Preserved or Pulped .. .. .	77	324	608	1,150
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs.. .. .	312	267	1,230	987
Total, Class II. .. .. .	32,196	30,116	116,030	95,664

**Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—continued.**  
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
<b>CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.</b>				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry .. ..	8	9	34	30
Spirits (Beverages) .. ..	112	107	420	309
Wine .. ..	220	147	844	382
Total, Class III. .. ..	340	263	1,298	721
<b>CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.</b>				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff .. ..	6	22	36	126
Tobacco .. ..	47	37	195	128
Total, Class IV. .. ..	53	59	231	254
<b>CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.</b>				
Cattle .. ..	15	7	33	23
Horses .. ..	64	29	114	107
Sheep .. ..	47	38	147	152
Other Animals .. ..	18	16	39	38
Total, Class V. .. ..	144	90	333	320
<b>CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.</b>				
Glue Pieces and Sinews .. ..	..	..	1	..
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse .. ..	212	309	1,036	1,156
Fox .. ..	..	5	5	6
Kangaroo and Wallaby .. ..	45	35	331	162
Opossum .. ..	..	1	4	37
Rabbit .. ..	111	228	2,858	1,333
Sheep .. ..	2,297	3,434	5,320	8,352
Other .. ..	4	34	9	53
Pearl-shell .. ..	200	269	527	488
Trochus-shell .. ..	23	14	69	55
Wool—				
Greasy .. ..	54,686	87,059	141,593	188,540
Scoured and Tops .. ..	10,045	14,461	26,105	32,895
Other Animal Substances .. ..	52	117	157	232
Total, Class VI. .. ..	67,675	105,966	178,015	233,309
<b>CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.</b>				
Copra .. ..	..	..	45	..
Fibres .. ..	11	82	61	143
Seeds .. ..	18	54	187	227
Tanning Substances .. ..	53	58	235	207
Other Vegetable Substances .. ..	71	77	204	234
Total, Class VII. .. ..	153	271	732	811
<b>CLASS VIII.—MANUFACTURED FIBRES ; TEXTILES ; AND APPAREL.</b>				
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns .. ..	198	141	939	587
Piece Goods .. ..	197	228	915	816
Other Textiles .. ..	67	61	286	221
Boots and Shoes .. ..	171	65	197	100
Other Apparel and Attire .. ..	274	251	722	568
Total, Class VIII. .. ..	907	746	3,059	2,292



**Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—continued.**  
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
<b>CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.</b>				
Fats and Waxes .. .. .	238	143	790	474
Oils .. .. .	175	236	543	525
Tallow, Edible and Inedible .. ..	262	487	664	1,499
Total, Class IX. .. ..	675	866	1,997	2,498
<b>CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES</b> ..	98	114	354	395
<b>CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.</b>				
Coal .. .. .	26	72	74	167
Ores and Concentrates—				
Silver and Silver Lead .. .. .	269	203	1,264	2,958
Zinc .. .. .	732	725	1,859	1,577
Other .. .. .	453	601	1,349	1,779
Other Rocks and Minerals .. .. .	43	24	160	84
Total, Class XI. .. ..	1,523	1,625	4,706	6,565
<b>CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.</b>				
Iron and Steel .. .. .	561	469	1,977	1,164
Lead .. .. .	6,962	4,289	17,985	9,257
Metal Scrap .. .. .	33	27	124	64
Platinum, Osmium, &c. .. .. .	2	1	2	4
Tin Ingots .. .. .	..	..	4	1
Vehicles .. .. .	182	374	730	986
Zinc Bars, Blocks, &c. .. .. .	720	1,123	2,356	2,738
Other Metals and Manufactures .. ..	583	608	2,218	1,775
Electrical Appliances and Equipment ..	461	331	1,166	997
Machines and Machinery .. .. .	1,133	1,272	3,935	3,574
Total, Class XII. .. ..	10,637	8,494	30,497	20,560
<b>CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.</b>				
Rubber and Manufactures .. .. .	31	45	98	144
Leather .. .. .	368	540	1,132	1,300
Leather Manufactures, &c. .. .. .	29	16	73	55
Total, Class XIII. .. ..	428	601	1,303	1,499
<b>CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.</b>				
Timber .. .. .	495	439	1,454	1,464
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture .. .. .	39	50	132	157
Total, Class XIV. .. ..	534	489	1,586	1,621
<b>CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONE-WARE</b> .. .. .	90	110	315	392
<b>CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.</b>				
Paper .. .. .	21	53	114	118
Stationery .. .. .	146	188	514	600
Total, Class XVI. .. ..	167	241	628	718

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—*continued*.  
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Precious Stones, Unset—Pearls, Cameos, &c.	8	14	78	74
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c. .. ..	120	59	250	209
Total, Class XVII. .. ..	128	73	328	283
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c. .. ..	58	73	155	220
Photographic Goods, &c. .. ..	29	74	164	260
Talking Machines, &c. .. ..	26	29	67	69
Other Instruments .. ..	107	98	300	295
Total, Class XVIII. .. ..	220	274	686	844
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Fertilizers .. ..	..	1	12	14
Medicines .. ..	282	243	882	701
Oils—				
Eucalyptus .. ..	29	37	106	104
Other .. ..	10	28	48	62
Perfumery and Preparations .. ..	86	106	232	236
Other Drugs and Chemicals .. ..	254	339	972	937
Total, Class XIX. .. ..	661	754	2,252	2,054
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives .. ..	627	980	1,866	1,936
Goods Exported per parcel post .. ..	73	472	290	856
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands .. ..	53	75	177	230
Personal and Household Effects .. ..	184	179	540	508
Vessels transferred abroad .. ..	52	10	384	69
All other Articles .. ..	221	228	783	794
Total, Class XX. .. ..	1,210	1,944	4,040	4,393
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER, AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold .. ..	2	..	4	1
Silver, including Silver in matte .. ..	283	844	1,176	1,413
Bronze Specie .. ..	..	..	35	..
Total, Class XXI. .. ..	285	844	1,215	1,414
TOTAL EXPORTS.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales .. ..	40,894	68,194	128,892	159,417
Victoria .. ..	39,430	53,283	100,990	116,227
Queensland .. ..	23,175	20,043	76,124	68,797
South Australia .. ..	17,640	18,674	54,985	45,800
Western Australia .. ..	13,798	16,445	36,078	40,837
Tasmania .. ..	4,281	4,789	8,226	9,270
Northern Territory .. ..	1	1	20	6
Total { Australian Produce .. ..	138,239	179,805	401,487	436,473
Other Produce .. ..	980	1,624	3,828	3,881
Total { Merchandise .. ..	138,934	180,585	404,100	438,940
Bullion and Specie .. ..	285	844	1,215	1,414
GRAND TOTAL .. ..	139,219	181,429	405,315	440,354
Value of Australian Gold Production .. ..	2,188	2,994	7,434	9,003

**PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN  
ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.**

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.			
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork

## QUANTITY.

(Centalis.)

1938-39 ..	2,295,428	359,236	17,391	2,719,638	1,864,885	307,164
1945-46 ..	1,376,113	327,662	117,138	1,107,913	565,747	307,729
1946-47 ..	1,336,423	535,553	66,490	1,803,385	1,643,029	187,053
1947-48 ..	1,847,738	509,445	54,835	2,371,501	1,224,829	37,281
1948-49 ..	1,835,556	582,533	66,192	1,916,530	1,148,632	201,259
1949-50 (nine months) ..	1,380,222	379,888	49,116	1,451,749	1,674,002	89,826

## VALUE.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

1938-39 ..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882
1945-46 ..	12,272	1,689	1,039	2,834	1,540	1,205
1946-47 ..	12,570	2,643	578	4,582	4,544	844
1947-48 ..	20,629	3,253	533	6,192	4,248	208
1948-49 ..	23,811	4,097	674	5,823	4,184	1,199
1949-50 (nine months) ..	20,071	3,020	622	5,151	6,461	630

Year.	Fruits, Dried.		Fruits Preserved in Liquid.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wool.	
	Vine.	Tree.				Greasy.	Scoured. (b)

## QUANTITY.

	Centalis.	Centalis.	Centalis.	Bushels.	Centalis.	Centalis.	Centalis.
1938-39 ..	1,642,128	39,152	812,788	63,129,023	14,501,304	7,933,845	708,812
1945-46 ..	880,989	30,721	367,344	12,484,156	10,377,511	7,113,581	945,167
1946-47 ..	915,144	41,890	716,887	12,175,543	15,301,958	10,194,503	1,908,254
1947-48 ..	928,030	39,561	847,967	60,173,560	15,687,411	7,742,229	1,635,748
1948-49 ..	1,131,874	47,880	1,050,956	82,762,168	17,059,055	9,816,468	1,568,667
1949-50 (9 months)	418,077	66,489	734,944	54,641,003	11,693,862	8,052,545	1,216,017

## VALUE.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

1938-39 ..	2,747	118	1,267	8,735	4,540	37,305	5,324
1945-46 ..	1,951	198	892	6,223	11,337	56,390	12,870
1946-47 ..	2,157	273	2,114	6,338	22,535	96,830	29,274
1947-48 ..	2,264	279	2,763	52,813	31,823	118,617	30,121
1948-49 ..	3,094	343	3,694	66,767	35,087	195,795	35,869
1949-50 (9 months)	1,176	477	2,377	41,251	20,051	188,540	32,885

(a) Includes Veal.

(b) Includes Tops, Nolls and Waste.

**PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN  
ORIGIN EXPORTED TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.**

Country to which Exported.	BUTTER.				CHEESE.			
	Nine Months ended March—							
	1949.		1950.		1949.		1950.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	128,549	16,315	125,317	17,982	39,956	2,627	30,644	2,260
Ceylon ..	1,106	141	1,161	180	614	40	269	32
Cyprus ..	117	16	87	13	14	1	63	8
Guiana (British) ..	723	99	813	140	389	26	269	27
Hong Kong ..	769	105	1,301	202	472	31	363	37
India ..	80	11	318	53	386	37	438	53
Malaya, Federation of ..	359	58	551	107	228	16	243	28
Malta ..	691	88	689	104	201	19	359	33
Mauritius ..	277	46	412	77	65	7	143	17
Rhodesia, Southern ..	224	26	414	58	102	7	39	4
Singapore ..	1,487	190	882	138	384	42	824	89
West Africa (British) ..	389	61	339	40	234	24	121	12
West Indies (British) ..	2,659	368	2,003	304	1,001	89	1,439	137
Other British Countries	3,126	552	782	162	345	35	506	52
Belgian Dependencies—								
Belgian Congo ..	171	23	290	50	17	2	28	3
Burma ..	144	23	300	56	15	2		
Egypt ..	598	87	674	105	139	12	920	87
New Caledonia ..	184	28	180	28	56	6	51	6
Philippines Republic ..	288	52	449	79	383	44	417	50
Other Foreign Countries	2,539	327	1,060	193	1,014	86	853	85
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	7,903	1,064	9,398	1,256	820	79	868	92
Victoria ..	64,252	8,487	67,936	10,069	23,195	1,653	20,918	1,673
Queensland ..	59,333	7,546	49,730	7,250	7,812	576	4,108	361
South Australia ..	5,821	663	4,553	629	13,597	805	12,091	893
Western Australia ..	4,392	504	2,975	383	591	40	4	1
Tasmania ..	2,779	352	3,430	484	..	..	..	..
Total ..	144,480	18,616	138,022	20,071	46,015	3,153	37,989	3,020

Country to which Exported.	BACON AND HAMS.				BEEF (including Veal)—Frozen and Chilled.			
	Nine Months ended March—							
	1949.		1950.		1949.		1950.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	1,252	52	585	64	136,841	3,835	108,826	5,570
Ceylon ..	103	12	166	20	502	21	416	19
Hong Kong ..	725	89	974	130	4,770	148	6,616	230
Malta ..	26	2	43	5	6,481	188	4,695	164
Singapore ..	940	107	1,076	128	6,670	222	7,117	278
West Indies ..	458	54	717	98	2,092	96	3,921	213
Other British Countries	677	80	424	60	3,658	152	5,395	303
Egypt ..	513	58	499	62	2,680	113	7,244	300
Other Foreign Countries	611	76	428	55	3,608	198	945	74
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	1,162	137	1,203	162	6,877	263	3,596	174
Victoria ..	1,480	104	630	74	2,322	120	1,557	61
Queensland ..	1,692	188	2,068	267	142,755	4,227	120,861	4,322
South Australia ..	387	44	334	44	274	13	509	17
Western Australia ..	584	57	677	75	15,074	350	18,652	577
Total ..	5,305	530	4,912	622	167,302	4,973	145,175	5,151



**Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported to  
Various Countries—continued.**

Country to which Exported.	MUTTON AND LAMB—FROZEN.				PORK.			
	Nine Months ended March—							
	1949.		1950.		1949.		1950.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	84,853	3,181	156,854	6,008	9,970	546	6,700	444
Bermuda .. ..	..	..	..	..	125	13	182	26
Ceylon .. ..	399	21	404	21	137	7	11	1
Singapore .. ..	2,342	99	2,476	111	588	43	668	52
Other British Countries	4,328	179	3,997	182	697	42	889	65
Egypt .. ..	991	41	3,194	117	662	47	515	41
Other Foreign Countries	263	15	475	22	81	9	18	1
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	19,779	740	25,272	932	830	61	625	57
Victoria .. ..	45,192	1,744	116,125	4,356	2,246	145	1,352	103
Queensland .. ..	438	15	311	11	7,753	409	6,408	420
South Australia ..	18,179	701	21,025	890	457	29	363	30
Western Australia ..	9,523	333	4,534	216	974	63	190	16
Tasmania .. ..	65	3	133	6	..	..	45	4
Total .. ..	93,176	3,536	167,400	6,461	12,260	707	8,983	630

	DRIED VINE FRUITS—CURRANTS.				DRIED VINE FRUITS—RAISINS (including Sultanias and Lexias).			
	Nine Months ended March—							
Country to which Exported.	1949.		1950.		1949.		1950.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	4,065	79	619	17	21,760	518	1,124	38
Canada ..	6,189	154	3,854	91	32,106	960	25,952	683
New Zealand ..	1,864	31	1,451	39	11,397	362	6,887	231
Singapore ..	475	11	83	3	267	10	106	4
Other British Countries	264	7	273	11	925	35	626	27
Sweden ..	..	..	..	..	1,120	45	448	15
Other Foreign Countries	139	6	120	5	258	10	264	12
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	19	1	18	1	50	2	19	1
Victoria ..	8,964	201	2,457	64	60,977	1,720	32,699	903
Queensland ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..
South Australia ..	2,866	71	3,330	85	6,678	212	2,687	106
Western Australia ..	647	15	594	16	128	6	..	..
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	12,496	288	6,400	166	67,833	1,940	35,407	1,010

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country to which Exported.	DRIED TREE FRUITS.				FRUITS PRESERVED IN LIQUID.			
	Nine Months ended March—							
	1949.		1950.		1949.		1950.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	1,630	103	2,300	158	55,349	1,846	43,959	1,083
Canada ..	56	1			9,787	430	10,135	514
New Zealand ..	1,307	102	2,851	214	5,645	194	7,981	336
Singapore ..	27	2	100	7	1,513	58	1,025	36
Other British Countries	422	29	379	22	2,667	125	6,001	236
Egypt ..	78	8	107	4	670	25	1,547	62
Other Foreign Countries	647	50	912	72	3,843	153	2,846	110
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	1,005	70	2,117	155	11,832	444	11,125	412
Victoria ..	241	18	1,942	138	57,800	1,920	47,199	1,225
Queensland ..	9		26	2.	6,738	359	11,278	582
South Australia ..	732	65	1,279	94	1,648	44	1,825	76
Western Australia ..	61	5	287	19	102	3	456	15
Tasmania ..	2,119	137	998	69	1,354	61	1,611	67
Total ..	4,167	295	6,649	477	79,474	2,831	73,494	2,377

Country to which Exported.	WHEAT.				FLOUR.			
	Nine Months ended March—							
	1949.		1950.		1949.		1950.	
	'000 bushels.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 bushels.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	25,011	20,156	9,367	6,167	4,172	8,183	704	1,094
Aden ..	..	..	..	..	750	1,556	126	190
Ceylon ..	..	..	..	..	2,741	5,402	2,125	3,748
Eire ..	1,337	1,416	321	207	..	..	..	..
Hong Kong ..	..	..	..	..	151	280	869	1,573
India ..	10,869	10,023	27,681	20,126	699	1,559	3,367	5,865
Malaya, Federation of ..	..	..	..	..	1,322	2,708	1,008	1,624
Mauritius ..	..	..	..	..	394	711	543	900
New Zealand ..	5,866	2,082	4,539	3,506	..	..	..	..
Rhodesia, Southern ..	605	610	363	331	..	..	..	..
Singapore ..	..	..	..	..	231	486	308	530
South Africa, Union of ..	1,623	1,638	591	330	..	..	..	..
Other British Countries	2,175	1,854	1,095	847	435	855	669	960
Belgium ..	703	746	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brazil ..	..	..	..	..	190	510	6	9
Burma ..	..	..	..	..	123	358	2	5
Egypt ..	2,325	1,676	2,646	2,105	794	1,617	519	988
France ..	958	952	..	..	..	..	..	..
French Dependencies ..	337	358	..	..	382	866	104	203
Iraq ..	1,027	781	..	..	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	1,558	1,096	4,833	4,936	..	..	..	..
Lebanon ..	..	..	..	..	543	1,244	81	137
Netherlands ..	352	372	321	263	..	..	..	..
Norway ..	..	..	504	412	..	..	..	..
Persia ..	1,989	1,734	469	371	..	..	..	..
Peru ..	..	..	946	816	..	..	195	393
Siam ..	..	..	..	..	65	142	209	300
Sweden ..	746	766	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	840	722	965	834	154	333	859	1,532
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	28,076	23,181	19,283	14,170	4,626	9,280	4,225	7,249
Victoria ..	5,398	4,017	11,995	9,104	4,013	8,268	4,318	7,355
Queensland ..	2,371	1,122	2,207	1,710	105	233	83	147
South Australia ..	12,389	10,430	6,811	5,529	2,448	4,985	1,497	2,539
Western Australia ..	10,087	8,232	14,345	10,738	1,954	4,044	1,566	2,761
Total ..	58,321	46,982	54,641	41,251	13,146	26,801	11,694	20,051

**Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported  
to Various Countries—continued.**

Country to which Exported.	WOOL—GREASY.				WOOL—SCOURED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.			
	Nine Months ended March—							
	1949.		1950.		1949.		1950.	
	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom	2,328	45,274	2,893	67,435	364	8,269	546	14,521
Canada .. .. .	32	672	34	918	92	2,243	86	2,304
Hong Kong .. .	..	..	..	..	4	173	3	83
India .. .. .	8	104	2	46	38	914	3	65
New Zealand ..	4	78	6	205	..	..	..	..
Other British Countries	1	7	11	271	8	242	6	204
Austria .. .. .	11	240	23	590	..	..	..	..
Belgium .. .. .	648	10,118	887	14,799	65	1,110	79	1,877
China .. .. .	..	..	..	..	23	770	2	64
Czechoslovakia	10	269	57	1,725	..	..	..	..
Denmark .. .. .	..	..	..	..	26	624	33	963
Egypt .. .. .	..	..	..	..	7	256	2	111
France .. .. .	1,572	27,820	1,116	22,928	207	4,728	85	2,045
Germany .. .. .	81	1,697	419	10,038	5	133	44	1,407
Italy .. .. .	789	16,346	415	8,851	88	1,739	46	1,124
Japan .. .. .	128	3,125	474	11,207	..	..	..	..
Korea .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5	135	..	..
Lebanon .. .. .	..	..	5	85	3	126	2	104
Mexico .. .. .	14	308	21	562	..	..	..	..
Netherlands .. .	73	1,908	62	1,592	16	349	35	964
Norway .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5	95	10	269
Poland .. .. .	169	4,150	295	8,927	..	..	..	..
Soviet Union—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Baltic and Northern	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ports .. .. .	55	1,489	121	3,906	..	..	..	..
Black Sea Ports	337	9,210	167	5,362	..	..	..	..
Pacific Coast Ports	24	676	..	..	..	..	..	..
Spain .. .. .	5	135	14	290	..	..	..	..
Sweden .. .. .	28	636	23	724	49	1,019	40	1,124
Switzerland .. .	40	790	36	885	4	99	11	334
Turkey .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6	169	6	185
United States of America	543	14,121	933	25,962	71	1,684	145	3,994
Yugoslavia .. .	13	300	16	514	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	73	2,120	23	718	40	1,228	32	1,143
States of Final Ship- ment—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New South Wales ..	2,477	43,986	3,924	87,163	328	7,114	444	11,298
Victoria .. .. .	1,575	34,986	1,558	41,309	367	8,085	344	8,936
Queensland .. .. .	1,481	32,579	1,080	25,502	138	4,261	129	3,928
South Australia .. .	659	12,469	695	15,271	164	3,840	126	3,598
Western Australia ..	696	15,048	734	17,185	99	2,232	129	3,792
Tasmania .. .. .	98	2,525	62	2,110	30	573	44	1,333
Total .. .. .	6,986	141,593	8,053	188,540	1,126	26,105	1,216	32,885

## Section V.—Public Finance.

## COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—RECEIPTS.

(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	9 months ended March, 1950.
<b>TAXATION—</b>					
Customs .. .. .	31,161	45,871	57,597	63,465	57,274
Excise .. .. .	16,472	56,375	58,008	62,735	49,327
Sales Tax .. .. .	9,308	36,265	34,728	39,029	30,831
Flour Tax .. .. .	1,809	1,747	985	1	1
Land Tax .. .. .	1,489	3,679	3,641	3,032	1,736
Income Taxes(a) .. .. .	11,883	156,765	161,452	182,092	73,783
Social Services Contribution .. .. .	..	51,000	71,448	90,255	73,987
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	..	13,647	16,595	19,803	16,522
Gold Tax .. .. .	..	556	11	—5	—9
Estate Duty .. .. .	1,915	4,019	4,555	4,740	4,392
Gift Duty .. .. .	..	545	781	582	548
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	..	5,138	5,198	5,299	3,517
Wool Levy(b) .. .. .	74	12	..	..	..
Wool Contributory Charge(c) .. .. .	..	4,497	1,424	1,029	1,061
Wheat Export Charge(c) .. .. .	..	5,500	5,730	18,086	9,710
Stevedoring Industry Charge(c) .. .. .	..	..	260	670	394
<b>Total, Taxation .. .. .</b>	<b>74,111</b>	<b>385,616</b>	<b>422,413</b>	<b>490,813</b>	<b>323,073</b>
<b>BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—</b>					
Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	17,366	29,802	31,390	33,307	28,179
<b>Railways—</b>					
Trans-Australia .. .. .	331	692	754	888	672
Central Australia .. .. .	138	395	384	679	596
North Australia .. .. .	50	58	37	29	23
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	7	9	15	9	9
<b>Total, Railways .. .. .</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>1,300</b>
Broadcasting Services .. .. .	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	1,396
<b>Total, Business Undertakings .. .. .</b>	<b>17,892</b>	<b>30,956</b>	<b>32,580</b>	<b>34,912</b>	<b>30,875</b>
<b>TERRITORIES(e) .. .. .</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>595</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUE—</b>					
Coinage .. .. .	128	..	497	635	276
Defence .. .. .	151	239	216	352	..
Civil Aviation .. .. .	6	961	1,595	1,998	1,211
Health .. .. .	18	16	14	20	20
Attorney-General .. .. .	111	155	178	176	132
Commerce and Agriculture .. .. .	6	24	—22	235	5
Shipping and Fuel .. .. .	152	148	176	478	244
Net Profit, Note Issue .. .. .	767	3,792	4,087	4,460	3,484
Other.. .. .	1,367	(f) 8,778	(g) 3,505	(h) 19,559	(i) 8,594
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>2,706</b>	<b>14,113</b>	<b>10,246</b>	<b>27,913</b>	<b>13,966</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL .. .. .</b>	<b>95,065</b>	<b>431,256</b>	<b>465,905</b>	<b>554,377</b>	<b>368,509</b>
<b>PER HEAD OF POPULATION(j)—</b>					
Taxation .. .. .	£ s. d. 10 13 9	£ s. d. 51 5 7	£ s. d. 55 5 9	£ s. d. 62 18 8	£ s. d. 40 2 7
Business Undertakings .. .. .	2 11 7	4 2 4	4 5 3	4 9 6	3 16 8
Other.. .. .	0 8 10	1 19 0	1 8 7	3 13 6	1 16 2
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>13 14 2</b>	<b>57 6 11</b>	<b>60 19 7</b>	<b>71 1 8</b>	<b>45 15 5</b>

(a) Includes War-time (Company) Tax, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (b) For Publicity and Research. (c) Paid to Trust Fund for assistance to industry concerned. (d) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department. Balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account revenue. (e) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (f) Includes £7,075,000 surplus from Wool Committee operations. (g) Includes Wool Committee operations surplus £125,000, and Eggs—War-time Control surplus £650,000. (h) Includes Wool Committee operations surplus £103,000, Eggs—War-time Control surplus £110,000 and surplus balances of Trust Accounts £17,000,000. (i) Includes surplus balances of Trust Accounts £6,700,000. (j) Based on mean population for each financial year.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates an excess of refunds or transfers from one head of receipts to another.



**COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—EXPENDITURE.**  
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	1938-39.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	9 months ended March, 1950.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services	5,702	21,127	34,027	38,865	32,470
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a) ..	3,835	3,172	3,170	3,487	3,620
Capital Works and Services, n.e.f.(b) ..	1,983	8,679	15,646	27,269	33,521
National Welfare Fund and Social Services(c)	16,429	64,647	88,043	110,058	69,603
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	9,665	9,039	9,032	8,979	6,207
War Pensions .. .. .	8,227	9,302	9,564	11,245	8,476
Other Services .. .. .	1,365	918	1,078	1,423	1,261
Total, War (1914-18), &c. ..	19,257	19,259	19,674	21,647	15,944
Defence Services(d) .. .. .	7,506	121,600	71,615	55,904	29,198
War (1939-45) and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	..	46,070	48,233	48,782	36,846
War Pensions .. .. .	..	6,762	7,604	9,024	8,129
Other Services .. .. .	..	20,270	52,595	76,757	5,148
Total, War (1939-45), &c. ..	..	73,102	108,432	134,563	50,123
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General's Department—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	2,887	3,271	3,238	3,252	2,376
Capital Works and Services ..	3,701	7,161	8,260	12,520	10,442
Other .. .. .	12,141	23,485	28,933	37,632	30,418
Total, Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	18,729	33,917	40,431	53,404	43,236
Railways—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	525	532	507	501	417
Capital Works and Services ..	142	114	148	223	86
Other .. .. .	826	1,389	1,582	2,093	1,703
Total, Railways .. .. .	1,493	2,035	2,237	2,817	2,206
Broadcasting Services—					
Capital Works and Services ..	..	..	..	..	108
Other .. .. .	..	..	..	35	1,985
Total, Broadcasting Services ..	..	..	..	35	2,093
Total, Business Undertakings ..	20,222	35,952	42,668	56,256	47,535
Territories(e)—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	375	353	357	358	311
Capital Works and Services ..	739	1,226	1,448	2,628	2,275
Other—					
Northern Territory .. .. .	323	752	793	1,037	919
Australian Capital Territory ..	349	662	763	958	810
Papua-New Guinea .. .. .	48	1,520	2,271	3,409	2,962
Norfolk Island .. .. .	5	4	4	5	3
Total, Territories .. .. .	1,839	4,517	5,636	8,395	7,280
Payments to or for the States—					
Interest on States' Debts(f) .. ..	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	5,689
Sinking Fund on States' Debts ..	1,478	1,636	1,732	1,852	1,484
Special Grants .. .. .	2,020	(g) 6,881	6,042	7,450	8,629
Grants for Federal Aid Roads and Works	4,266	4,805	6,707	7,630	6,845
Tax Reimbursement Grants .. ..	..	39,464	44,588	53,488	37,327
Other .. .. .	300	10	6	599	(h) 8,470
Total to or for the States ..	15,649	60,381	66,660	78,604	68,444
Primary Production—Self-balancing items	2,015	(i) 18,820	(i) 8,914	(i) 19,329	(i) 10,771
Grand Total .. .. .	94,437	431,256	464,485	554,377	368,509
Per Head of Population(j) ..	£ s. d. 13 12 5	£ s. d. 57 6 11	£ s. d. 60 15 11	£ s. d. 71 1 8	£ s. d. 45 15 5

(a) Includes exchange on interest payments. (b) Includes Defence Services, excludes Business Undertakings and Territories. (c) For expenditure on Social Services, see page 56. (d) Expenditure on the Departments of Defence, Navy, Army, Air and Supply and Development (Munitions, &c.). Excludes Capital Works and Services. (e) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (f) Excludes balance of interest payable on States Debt (recoverable from States). (g) Includes Income Tax Reimbursement—Special Grants, £2,133,000. (h) Includes Coal Strike—Emergency Grant, £8,000,000. (i) In addition, the following amounts for assistance to primary producers were provided under War Services:—1946-47, £7,720,000; 1947-48, £10,808,000; 1948-49, £8,248,000; and nine months ended March, 1950, £9,102,000. (j) Based on mean population for each financial year.

**COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM GENERAL LOAN FUND.**  
(£'000.)

Particulars.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	Total to 30th June, 1949.
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1939-45) Services and Post-war Charges	..	152,948	37,894	..	Cr. 18,733	1,559,430
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites	1,912	..	..	..	..	8,694
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works	Cr. 305	..	..	Cr. 165	Cr. 4	213
Ships, Yards and Docks	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..	7,694
Lighthouses, Works and Services	..	..	..	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department	Cr. 1	..	..	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	40,539
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services	..	..	..	..	..	102
War Service Homes(a)	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways	..	Cr. 7	Cr. 2	Cr. 4	Cr. 1	13,760
Territories(b)	Cr. 7	Cr. 9	Cr. 12	Cr. 9	Cr. 6	8,769
Other	..	..	..	..	..	3,109
Assistance to States—	..	..	..	..	..	..
Housing	..	6,795	11,015	13,305	14,492	45,607
Other	1,996	..	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.	3,594	6,779	11,001	13,126	14,480	155,929
GRAND TOTAL	3,594	159,727	48,895	13,126	Cr. 4,253	2,088,349

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. Administration and other Public Buildings, A.C.T.

(b) Includes

**PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR WAR (1939-45) AND OTHER PURPOSES.(a)**

Month of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Sub- scribers.	Allocation of Proceeds.			Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			Commonwealth.		States.		
			Defence, War (1939-45) and Post-war Charges.	Other Purposes.			
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	
1939-40—March ..	18,000	14,339	7,676	1,410	9,079	3½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
May ..	20,000	32,792	20,583	..	..	2½, 3½	" "
1940-41—November	28,000	21,830	20,505	982	7,018	"	" "
April ..	35,000	57,217	27,872	1,940	6,060	2½, 3½	1946, 1950-56
1941-42—October ..	30,000	83,376	34,158	..	..	"	1945-46, 1950-57
February ..	35,000	244,566	48,331	..	..	"	1945-46, 1950-58
June ..	35,000	196,443	37,373	..	..	"	1946-47, 1950-58
1942-43—November	77,300	454,536	82,664	..	..	"	"
March ..	100,000	432,088	101,805	..	..	"	1947-48, 1950-59
1943-44—October ..	125,000	567,379	126,408	..	..	"	"
March ..	150,000	452,609	150,549	..	..	"	1948-49, 1950-60
1944-45—September	112,479	421,408	113,937	..	..	"	"
March ..	100,000	422,583	107,302	..	..	"	1949-50, 1950-61
1945-46—September	85,000	260,224	87,229	..	..	"	"
March ..	70,000	193,400	78,470	..	..	2, 3½	1949, 1955-58
1946-47—October ..	64,020	194,858	61,270	..	8,500	"	"
April ..	25,000	72,262	7,458	5,440	16,925	2, 3½	1950, 1956-59
1947-48—October ..	48,030	95,445	21,613	13,012	26,600	3½	1956-1959
April ..	35,000	87,452	6,624	7,645	29,028	"	1957-1960
1948-49—September	15,000	84,990	58	..	15,000	"	1962
March ..	43,233	54,804	30,474	7,140	24,145	2, 3½	1952, 1960-63
1949-50—September	25,155	63,488	..	..	45,167	"	1953, 1960-63
March ..	40,875	49,809	18,100	16,000	26,577	"	1953, 1961-64
Total ..	1,317,092	..	1,190,459	53,569	214,099	..	..

(a) Excludes Redemption and Conversion Loans.

**COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.**

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 31st December, 1949, see page 54.

## COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1947-48. (a)

Grade of Actual Income.	Taxpayers.		Actual Income.		Net Tax Assessed.		
	No.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount per Taxpayer.
Individuals—			£'000.		£'000.		£ s. d.
Under £201 ..	497,884	20.40	77,320	8.22	3,026	2.19	6 1 7
£201-£500 ..	1,585,054	64.94	526,541	56.01	51,188	37.08	32 5 11
£501-£1,000 ..	277,234	11.36	179,643	19.11	29,417	21.31	106 2 2
£1,001 and over	80,624	3.30	156,582	16.66	54,407	39.42	674 16 6
Total Individuals	2,440,796	100.00	940,086	100.00	(b) 138,038	100.00	56 11 1
Companies ..	18,082	..	197,922	..	(c) 65,750	..	3,636 4 3
Grand Total ..	..	..	1,138,008	..	203,788	..	..

(a) Assessed on income for year 1946-47.

(b) Includes Net Social Services Contribution.

£62,152,232. (c) Includes Super Tax, £4,205,094, and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £13,371,074.

## COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment Year—				
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Resident Owners .. ..	21,028	20,956	21,395	21,959	21,921
Absentee Owners .. ..	2,584	2,559	2,365	2,562	2,450
TOTAL .. ..	23,612	23,515	23,760	24,521	24,371
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Resident .. ..	225,775	228,207	234,273	244,513	244,223
Absentee .. ..	2,000	2,048	1,893	1,685	1,444
TOTAL .. ..	227,775	230,255	236,166	246,198	245,667
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident .. ..	257,347	257,277	272,109	277,242	275,289
Absentee .. ..	2,168	2,197	2,080	1,992	1,580
TOTAL .. ..	259,515	259,474	274,189	279,234	276,869
TAX ASSESSED ON—	£	£	£	£	£
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	924,749	1,045,591	1,195,246	2,453,928	2,897,198
Absentee Owners .. ..	10,082	10,673	11,324	20,509	20,333
TOTAL .. ..	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570	2,474,437	2,917,531
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	339,487	372,713	388,763	784,293	889,928
Absentee Owners .. ..	3,267	3,342	4,248	6,113	5,204
TOTAL .. ..	342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406	895,132
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,584,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners .. ..	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622	25,537
TOTAL .. ..	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581	3,264,843	3,812,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED (a)	'000 ac.				
TAX ASSESSED ON RURAL LAND per ac.	1.427d.	1.592d.	1.680d.	2.985d.	3.426d.

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.

NOTE.—Figures for later years have not been compiled.

## COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1948-49.

Grade of Dutiable Value.		Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	£	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£
1- 1,000 .. ..	..	3,967	8,564	1,600	47,749
1,001- 2,000 .. ..	..	1,999	6,852	2,901	85,891
2,001- 3,000 .. ..	..	1,295	5,766	3,190	94,421
3,001- 4,000 .. ..	..	864	4,895	3,004	88,728
4,001- 5,000 .. ..	..	682	4,548	3,049	89,472
5,001-10,000 .. ..	..	1,731	16,409	12,079	356,640
10,001-20,000 .. ..	..	1,120	18,678	15,751	677,390
20,001-50,000 .. ..	..	571	20,097	16,432	1,316,848
50,001 and over .. ..	..	121	13,908	10,834	2,145,213
Total .. ..	..	12,350	99,717	68,840	4,902,352

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1948-49.

**COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable—Australia.(a)**  
(£'000.)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Sales.				Sales Tax Payable.
		8½ per cent.(b)	10 per cent.(b)	25 per cent.(b)	Total.	
1947-48.						
July .. .. .	78,267	..	21,471	2,733	24,204	2,830
August .. .. .	75,104	..	21,382	2,633	24,015	2,797
September .. .. .	79,188	..	23,890	2,477	26,367	3,008
Total, September Quarter ..	232,559	..	66,743	7,843	74,586	8,635
October .. .. .	81,464	..	25,499	1,278	26,777	2,870
November .. .. .	80,554	..	25,196	1,485	26,681	2,891
December .. .. .	79,441	..	25,507	1,364	26,871	2,892
Total, December Quarter ..	241,459	..	76,202	4,127	80,329	8,653
January .. .. .	63,595	..	20,134	711	20,845	2,191
February .. .. .	76,611	..	25,762	936	26,698	2,791
March .. .. .	82,035	..	26,363	1,125	27,488	2,918
Total, March Quarter ..	222,241	..	72,259	2,772	75,031	7,900
April .. .. .	87,515	..	29,102	1,060	30,162	3,175
May .. .. .	81,188	..	25,457	1,013	26,470	2,799
June .. .. .	89,296	..	26,903	829	27,732	2,898
Total, June Quarter ..	257,999	..	81,462	2,902	84,364	8,872
Total, Year .. .. .	954,258	..	296,666	17,644	314,310	34,060
1948-49.						
July .. .. .	90,657	..	29,494	1,037	30,531	3,209
August .. .. .	91,518	..	28,420	1,040	29,460	3,102
September .. .. .	97,294	..	30,984	1,097	32,081	3,373
Total, September Quarter ..	279,469	..	88,898	3,174	92,072	9,684
October .. .. .	92,633	..	28,940	1,165	30,105	3,185
November .. .. .	97,846	..	30,175	1,455	31,630	3,381
December .. .. .	90,926	..	29,729	1,230	30,959	3,280
Total, December Quarter ..	281,405	..	88,844	3,850	92,694	9,846
January .. .. .	73,887	..	21,981	646	22,627	2,360
February .. .. .	90,676	..	27,920	932	28,852	3,025
March .. .. .	101,456	..	33,452	1,091	34,543	3,618
Total, March Quarter ..	266,019	..	83,353	2,669	86,022	9,003
April .. .. .	90,641	..	28,599	973	29,572	3,103
May .. .. .	104,308	..	31,341	1,041	32,382	3,394
June .. .. .	98,705	..	29,588	837	30,425	3,168
Total, June Quarter ..	293,654	..	89,528	2,851	92,379	9,665
Total, Year .. .. .	1,120,547	..	350,623	12,544	363,167	38,198
1949-50.						
July .. .. .	88,227	..	28,262	885	29,147	3,047
August .. .. .	95,579	..	31,146	1,009	32,155	3,367
September .. .. .	108,062	26,837	9,169	940	36,946	3,388
Total, September Quarter ..	291,868	26,837	68,577	2,834	98,248	9,802
October .. .. .	111,514	35,504	..	977	36,481	3,203
November(c) .. .. .	106,120	40,000	..	1,120	41,120	3,613
December(c) .. .. .	113,500	40,500	..	1,000	41,500	3,625
Total, December Quarter ..	331,134	116,004	..	3,097	119,101	10,441

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They also do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (b) The 10 per cent. rate came into operation on 15th November, 1946, and superseded the general rate of 12½ per cent., which, together with the 25 per cent. rate, operated from 1st May, 1942. On 8th September, 1949, the general rate was reduced to 8½ per cent. (c) Partly estimated.



NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. However, the following adjustments have been made to the Budget figures for 1948-49 to obviate duplications within the combined accounts and to obtain uniformity with the other States:—(i) The payment to the Railways from Consolidated Revenue Fund to meet losses on developmental lines, £800,000 and (ii) Commonwealth Hospital Benefits, £1,780,000, paid to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and then distributed to Hospitals have been deducted from the Budget Revenue total of £98,912,000 and from Expenditure of £100,918,000. In addition, the following adjustments have been made on account of debt charge recoups to Consolidated Revenue Fund from business undertakings:—a deduction of £250,000 from revenue in respect of previous years and a deduction of £2,420,000 from expenditure in respect of the current year. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

### STATE REVENUES, 1948-49.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Taxation(b) .. ..	10,453	6,870	4,042	2,878	(c) 1,395	1,650	27,288
Railways .. ..	39,664	17,283	14,909	5,821	5,161	..	82,838
Tramways (d) .. ..	8,741	(e) 150	..	..	592	..	9,483
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,569	3,024	1	2,568	1,975	5	9,142
Land .. ..	2,887	959	1,673	258	553	146	6,476
Interest n.e.i. .. ..	561	1,955	782	910	689	584	5,481
Commonwealth Payments (f) .. ..	25,014	14,299	10,004	8,220	8,600	2,932	69,069
All other Sources .. ..	7,193	2,302	1,568	1,190	1,596	423	14,272
Total Revenue .. ..	96,082	46,842	32,979	21,845	20,561	5,740	224,049
Total Revenue per head (g) .. ..	£ s. d. 31 7 2	£ s. d. 22 3 4	£ s. d. 29 1 3	£ s. d. 32 16 10	£ s. d. 39 7 6	£ s. d. 21 8 0	£ s. d. 28 16 11

Year ended 30th June—

STATE REVENUES 1938-39 AND 1945-46 TO 1948-49.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 .. ..	51,098	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,282
1946 .. ..	71,229	35,191	24,774	16,343	14,408	(a) 3,933	165,878
1947 .. ..	72,782	37,359	25,033	17,193	14,981	(a) 4,507	171,855
1948 .. ..	86,082	41,728	26,820	18,843	17,711	(a) 4,816	196,000
1949 .. ..	96,082	46,842	32,979	21,845	20,561	(a) 5,740	224,049

### STATE EXPENDITURES, 1948-49.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest and Charges on Public Debt .. ..	15,827	8,696	6,443	5,378	4,497	1,574	41,915
Railways .. ..	34,560	17,024	13,687	6,691	6,795	7	78,764
Tramways (d) .. ..	8,465	..	..	..	685	..	9,150
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	901	2,062	1	1,473	1,752	(h) 552	6,741
Education .. ..	11,422	7,232	3,638	2,258	2,077	1,151	27,778
Hospitals .. ..	6,965	3,099	2,482	1,458	1,164	635	15,803
Other Charities .. ..	1,936	931	881	298	394	202	4,642
All other Expenditure	16,342	9,181	5,797	4,574	4,014	1,724	41,632
Total Expenditure .. ..	95,918	48,225	32,929	22,130	21,378	5,845	226,425
Total Expenditure per head (g) .. ..	£ s. d. 31 6 1	£ s. d. 22 16 5	£ s. d. 29 0 5	£ s. d. 33 5 5	£ s. d. 40 18 9	£ s. d. 21 15 10	£ s. d. 29 3 0

Year ended 30th June—

STATE EXPENDITURES 1938-39 AND 1945-46 TO 1948-49.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 .. ..	53,558	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,159
1946 .. ..	70,858	35,185	24,760	16,343	14,408	(a) 4,034	165,588
1947 .. ..	74,632	37,354	25,017	17,253	15,028	(a) 4,573	173,857
1948 .. ..	86,204	42,282	26,914	19,156	18,062	(a) 5,102	197,720
1949 .. ..	95,918	48,225	32,929	22,130	21,378	(a) 5,845	226,425

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also paid to the Commission's Fund. See note (h). (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1948-49, see p. 53. Excludes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (c) Gross collections. (d) Includes omnibuses. (e) Contribution to revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (f) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (g) Based on mean population for the financial year. (h) Losses of Transport Commission.

**STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR, 1948-49.**  
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
<b>Works—</b>							
Railways .. ..	8,099	1,344	1,069	901	360	400	12,173
Tramways (b) ..	1,374	..	..	291	97	..	1,762
Roads and Bridges ..	Cr. 28	365	709	Cr. 17	..	102	2,339
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	657	168	27	132	224	..	..
Water Supply and Sewerage .. ..	123	2,251	150	918	679	..	4,121
Electricity Supply ..	202	..	..	1,500	1,066	1,786	4,554
Public Buildings ..	2,619	1,608	1,142	436	549	465	6,819
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 57	Cr. 27	..	..	..	..	Cr. 84
Housing .. ..	1,394	34	17	1,001	Cr. 1	75	2,486
Other(c) .. ..	473	221	717	Cr. 33	73	933	2,384
<b>Primary Production—</b>							
Land Settlement (d) ..	4,200	2,648	133	Cr. 360	8	11	6,640
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	2,076	..	221	37	134	..	2,468
Other .. ..	924	976	1,715	546	280	Cr. 3	4,438
Other purposes .. ..	..	946	..	Cr. 138	111	14	933
<b>Total Works, &amp;c. ..</b>	<b>22,056</b>	<b>10,534</b>	<b>5,866</b>	<b>5,214</b>	<b>3,580</b>	<b>3,783</b>	<b>51,033</b>
<b>Per Head (e) ..</b>	<b>£ s. d.</b>	<b>£ s. d.</b>	<b>£ s. d.</b>	<b>£ s. d.</b>	<b>£ s. d.</b>	<b>£ s. d.</b>	<b>£ s. d.</b>
	7 4 0	4 19 8	5 3 5	7 16 9	5 17 2	14 2 1	6 11 5
<b>Non-Works—</b>							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	..	554	..	..	..	244	798
Other (f) .. ..	546	940	563	602	10	Cr. 11	2,650
<b>Grand Total ..</b>	<b>22,602</b>	<b>12,028</b>	<b>6,429</b>	<b>5,816</b>	<b>3,590</b>	<b>4,016</b>	<b>54,481</b>

**TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1949.**  
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(g)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
<b>Works—</b>							
Railways .. ..	178,703	82,460	69,712	39,855	26,774	8,913	406,417
Tramways (b) ..	10,977	..	..	3,672	1,517	..	16,166
Roads and Bridges ..	20,991	13,125	7,430	3,859	3,183	7,895	103,377
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	24,522	1,707	3,665	8,948	8,052	..	..
Water Supply and Sewerage .. ..	41,388	38,394	1,332	26,904	16,684	..	124,702
Electricity Supply ..	3,259	17,839	..	3,500	4,001	11,853	40,452
Public Buildings ..	24,432	12,938	11,157	5,315	4,698	4,101	62,641
Unemployment Relief ..	16,221	13,147	..	..	..	334	29,702
Housing .. ..	4,086	3,157	4,022	8,997	787	586	21,635
Other (c) .. ..	10,917	2,897	24,023	2,319	2,147	4,578	46,881
<b>Primary Production—</b>							
Land Settlement (d) ..	22,888	57,215	5,646	10,315	13,126	2,370	111,560
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	24,200	..	2,408	9,431	4,652	..	40,691
Other .. ..	8,328	10,707	13,108	2,994	19,440	316	54,893
Other purposes .. ..	89	1,455	123	1,996	4,110	14	7,787
<b>Total Works ..</b>	<b>391,001</b>	<b>255,041</b>	<b>142,626</b>	<b>128,105</b>	<b>109,171</b>	<b>40,960</b>	<b>1,066,904</b>
<b>Non-Works—</b>							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	38,948	9,673	5,826	8,669	12,115	2,012	77,243
Other (f) .. ..	22,472	8,289	15,260	3,254	5,442	1,755	56,472
<b>Grand Total ..</b>	<b>452,421</b>	<b>273,003</b>	<b>163,712</b>	<b>140,028</b>	<b>126,728</b>	<b>44,727</b>	<b>1,200,619</b>

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Omnibuses. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, &c. (d) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldier Land Settlement. (e) Based on mean population for the financial year. (f) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (g) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure.

**STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1949.**

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Aust.	Stg.	(a)	(b)	Aust.	Stg.	(a)	(c)
New South Wales ..	246,433	138,864	11,196	396,493	7,664	4,320	377	12,361
Victoria .. ..	146,653	51,682	4,548	202,883	4,862	1,659	183	6,704
Queensland .. ..	93,842	45,401	4,882	144,125	3,042	1,505	178	4,725
South Australia ..	87,653	35,298	1,769	124,720	2,853	1,078	72	4,003
Western Australia ..	61,897	38,986	2,033	102,916	1,980	1,199	93	3,272
Tasmania .. ..	30,395	7,116	236	37,747	995	223	8	1,226
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>666,873</b>	<b>317,347</b>	<b>24,664</b>	<b>1,008,884</b>	<b>21,396</b>	<b>9,984</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>32,291</b>

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

### REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common- wealth.	Grand Total. (b)
Nine months ended March, 1949.									
Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments (c)	15,289	8,923	6,108	4,990	5,746	1,872	42,928	..	..
Taxation (d)	7,643	4,655	2,917	2,140	1,028	1,270	19,653	307,313	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways	29,874	12,991	11,264	4,115	3,899	..	62,143	1,015	..
Other ..	7,515 (e)	178	..	2,121	1,848	..	11,662 (f)	24,573	..
Other ..	8,052	3,588	2,811	1,613	2,121	812	18,997	24,069	..
Total ..	68,373	30,335	23,100	14,979	14,642	3,954	155,383	356,970	467,547
Expenditure—									
Payments to States	..	..	..	..	..	..	(g)49,911	..	..
Debt Services	11,663	6,577	5,087	4,120	3,587	1,208	32,242	49,239	..
Business Undertakings (h)—									
Railways	25,863	12,787	10,068	4,933	4,973 (i)	310	58,934	1,377	..
Other ..	6,933 (e)	302	..	1,066	1,174	..	9,475 (f)	26,430	..
Other ..	25,682	15,363	8,948	6,182	5,606	2,672	64,453 (j)	230,013	..
Total ..	70,141	35,029	24,103	16,301	15,840	4,190	165,104	356,970	477,268
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—)	—1,768	—4,694	—1,003	—1,322	—698	—236	—9,721	..	—9,721

Nine months ended March, 1950.

Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments (c)	17,358	12,077	8,258 (k)	7,646 (k)	7,904 (k)	2,643	55,886	..	..
Taxation (d)	8,288	5,322	3,655	2,306	1,197	1,405	22,173	323,073	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways	31,575	14,984	11,624 (l)	4,494	4,584	..	67,261	1,300	..
Other ..	8,207 (e)	189	..	2,227	1,924	..	12,547 (f)	29,575	..
Other ..	12,381	3,844	2,962	1,917	2,469	937	24,510	14,561	..
Total ..	77,809	36,416	26,499	18,590	18,078	4,985	182,377	368,509	489,245
Expenditure—									
Payments to States	..	..	..	..	..	..	(g)68,444	..	..
Debt Services	11,432	6,895	5,346	4,219	4,008	1,219	33,119	49,777	..
Business Undertakings (h)—									
Railways	27,929	14,410	10,980	6,040	5,552 (i)	440	65,351	1,703	..
Other ..	7,536 (e)	266	..	1,311	1,323	..	10,436 (f)	32,403	..
Other ..	33,506	19,024	10,557 (l)	7,165	6,762	3,431	80,445 (j)	216,182	..
Total ..	80,403	40,595	26,883	18,735	17,645	5,090	189,351	368,509	495,558
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—)	—2,594	—4,179	—384	—145	+433	—105	—6,974	..	—6,313

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' Debts, Special Grants, grants for prices, &c., control reimbursement and Coal Strike emergency grant, also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government. (c) Includes Special Grants and amounts received in accordance with the *Financial Agreement Act 1927* and the *State Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946–1948*, &c. (d) Includes arrears of State income tax as State collections. (e) State Coal Mines. (f) Postmaster-General's Department and Broadcasting. (g) Includes payments to State Trust Funds. (h) Excludes interest, &c., charges. (i) Losses by Transport Commission. (j) Includes Defence Services (excluding interest, &c., charges), 1949, £91,445,000; 1950, £29,198,000. (k) Includes the balance of the assessed grant over the special grant received from the Commonwealth in 1947–48, viz.: South Australia £324,000, Western Australia £768,000, and Tasmania £262,000. (l) Excludes Treasury transfers to Railway Revenue, £2,562,000.

### NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(£'000.)

Nine months ended March—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Common- wealth.(a)	Grand Total.
1949 .. .. .	12,880	6,637	3,426	1,829	2,402	2,345	29,519	24,333	53,857
1950 .. .. .	15,895	13,599	4,811	4,805	4,896	3,287	47,293	53,824	101,117

(a) Includes expenditure on War and Repatriation (1939–45) Services.

**TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1948-49.(a)**  
(£'000.)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Enter-tainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	..	143	2	4,872	2,810	3,958	1,355	1,272	14,412
Victoria ..	..	71	370	2,574	1,656	2,647	1,402	743	9,463
Queensland ..	..	20	374	1,262	1,268	1,498	165	786	5,373
South Australia ..	..	8	285	772	436	1,108	316	113	3,038
Western Australia ..	..	13	132	359	501	690	210	194	2,099
Tasmania ..	..	2	94	252	158	355	118	1,026	2,005
Total States ..	..	257	1,257	10,091	6,829	10,256	3,566	4,134	36,390
Commonwealth ..	126,200	272,347	3,032	4,740	..	..	5,299	79,195	490,813
Grand Total ..	126,200	272,604	4,289	14,831	6,829	10,256	8,865	83,329	527,203

**PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(c)**

(£ s. d.)

New South Wales ..	..	0 0 11	..	1 11 10	0 18 4	1 5 10	0 8 10	0 8 4	4 14 1
Victoria ..	..	0 0 8	0 3 6	1 4 4	0 15 8	1 5 1	0 13 3	0 7 1	4 9 7
Queensland ..	..	0 0 4	0 6 7	1 2 3	1 2 4	1 6 5	0 2 11	0 13 10	4 14 8
South Australia ..	..	0 0 3	0 8 7	1 3 3	0 13 1	1 13 4	0 9 6	0 3 4	4 11 4
Western Australia ..	..	0 0 6	0 5 0	0 13 9	0 19 2	1 6 5	0 8 1	0 7 6	4 0 5
Tasmania ..	..	0 0 2	0 7 0	0 18 9	0 11 9	1 6 5	0 8 10	3 16 7	7 9 6
Total States ..	..	0 0 8	0 3 3	1 6 0	0 17 7	1 6 5	0 9 2	0 10 7	4 13 8
Commonwealth ..	16 3 8	34 18 4	0 7 9	0 12 2	..	..	0 13 7	10 3 2	62 18 8
Grand Total ..	16 3 8	34 19 0	0 11 0	1 18 0	0 17 6	1 6 4	1 2 9	10 13 9	67 12 0

(a) Includes taxes paid to Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 45 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under the *State Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946-48*. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year.

**TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.**  
(£'000.)

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1938-39 ..	47,633	11,883	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,507	124,618
1945-46 ..	77,961	214,594	33,600	27,056	353,211	(a) 25,060	378,271
1946-47 ..	102,246	207,765	36,265	39,340	385,616	(a) 28,426	414,042
1947-48 ..	115,605	232,900	34,728	39,180	422,413	(a) 32,132	454,545
1948-49 ..	126,200	272,347	39,029	53,237	490,813	(a) 36,390	527,203

**PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(b)**

(£ s. d.)

1938-39 ..	6 17 5	1 14 3	1 6 10	0 15 3	10 13 9	7 6 1	17 19 5
1945-46 ..	10 9 10	28 17 8	4 10 5	3 12 10	47 10 9	(a) 3 7 8	50 18 3
1946-47 ..	13 11 11	27 12 7	4 16 5	5 4 8	51 5 7	(a) 3 15 11	55 1 3
1947-48 ..	15 2 7	30 9 8	4 10 11	5 2 7	55 5 9	(a) 4 4 5	59 9 11
1948-49 ..	16 3 8	34 18 4	5 0 1	6 16 7	62 18 8	(a) 4 13 8	67 12 0

(a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Tax Reimbursement Acts. (b) Based on mean population of the Commonwealth and of the six States for each financial year.

**TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1948-49.**

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Commonwealth Tax Re-imbursement ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
State Tax Collections ..	21,878	12,027	8,813	4,623	4,482	1,665	53,488
	14,412	9,463	5,373	3,038	2,099	2,005	36,390
Total ..	36,290	21,490	14,186	7,661	6,581	3,670	89,878
Per head of population	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	11 18 11	10 3 5	12 10 0	11 10 4	12 12 1	13 13 7	11 11 5



**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE  
AT 31st DECEMBER, 1949.**

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£'000 (Aust.)	£'000 (Stg.)	£'000 (a)	£'000 (b)
War (1914–18) .. ..	156,748	(c) 8,334	..	165,082
War (1939–45) .. ..	1,517,294	5,775	..	1,523,069
Works and other Purposes	100,969	51,617	15,770	168,356
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses .. ..	1,775,011	65,726	15,770	1,856,507
Per Head of Population (d)	£220 9 6	£8 3 3	£1 19 2	£230 11 11
State—				
Debts of the States ..	727,694	304,967	24,571	1,057,232
Per Head of Population (e) ..	£90 15 3	£38 0 9	£3 1 4	£131 17 4
Total Public Debt ..	2,502,705	370,693	40,341	2,913,739
Per Head of Population (d) ..	£310 17 3	£46 0 10	£5 0 3	£361 18 4

**ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.**

Commonwealth—	£ (Aust.)	£ (Stg.)	£ (a)	£ (f)
War (1914–18) .. ..	5,749,565	(c) 251,611	..	6,001,176
War (1939–45) .. ..	39,485,162	231,000	..	39,716,162
Works and other Purposes ..	2,995,757	1,702,783	693,855	5,392,395
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses .. ..	48,230,484	2,185,394	693,855	51,109,733
Average Rate per cent. (g) ..	£2 14 5	£3 6 6	£4 8 0	£2 15 2
State—				
Debts of the States ..	23,171,218	9,528,968	908,438	33,608,624
Average Rate per cent. (g) ..	£3 3 9	£3 2 6	£3 13 11	£3 3 7
Grand Total .. ..	71,401,702	11,714,362	1,602,293	84,718,357
Average Rate per cent. (g) ..	£2 17 2	£3 3 2	£3 19 5	£2 18 3

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States, without adjustment or account of differences in currency (see footnote (a)). (c) Excludes debt (£79,724,220) and interest payable (£3,919,774) due to United Kingdom Government under the *Funding Arrangements Act* 1921. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (d) Based on estimated population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) at 31st December, 1949. (e) Based on estimated aggregate population of the six States at 31st December, 1949. (f) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange. (g) Overdue debt, and War and National Savings Stamps are excluded for calculating average rate.

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)  
(£'000.)**

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—								At 31st March, 1950.
		1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	
Commonwealth	Australia £A.	80,481	259,250	343,280	343,280	343,280	278,280	208,280	123,280	158,280
	London £Stg.	3,470	3,220	2,970	2,720	2,470	2,220	1,970	1,720	1,470
State ..	Australia £A.	45,083	39,200	33,075	330					
	London £Stg.	24,879	23,730	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868
Total ..	Australia £A.	125,564	298,450	376,355	343,610	343,280	278,280	208,280	123,280	158,280
	London £Stg.	28,349	26,950	25,838	25,588	25,338	25,088	24,838	24,588	24,338

(a) Excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

## COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable or Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
TOTAL DEBT. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth— War (1914-18)	Australia £A.	175,194	159,398	158,742	154,046	153,900
	London £Stg. <i>a</i>	11,020	10,645	10,645	10,645	10,645
War (1939-45)	Australia £A.	..	1,510,023	1,531,532	1,508,195	1,485,877
	London £Stg.	..	5,775	5,775	5,775	5,775
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	43,303	54,166	65,098	77,906	92,433
	London £Stg.	72,097	53,535	53,285	52,991	52,741
	New York £(b)	15,913	15,790	15,798	15,855	15,798
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,497	1,723,587	1,755,372	1,740,147	1,732,210
	London £Stg.	83,117	69,955	69,705	69,411	69,161
	New York £(b)	15,913	15,790	15,798	15,855	15,798
Total ..	..	317,527	1,809,332	1,840,875	1,825,413	1,817,169
State ..	Australia £A.	485,179	542,645	568,141	611,763	666,873
	London £Stg.	384,328	337,593	333,306	328,190	317,347
	New York £(b)	28,265	25,113	24,802	24,849	24,664
Total ..	..	897,772	905,351	926,249	964,802	1,008,884
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	703,676	2,266,232	2,323,513	2,351,910	2,399,083
	London £Stg.	467,445	407,548	403,011	397,601	386,508
	New York £(b)	44,178	40,903	40,600	40,704	40,462
Total ..	..	1,215,299	2,714,683	2,767,124	2,790,215	2,826,053

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.  
(£ s. d.)

Commonwealth—						
War (1914–18)	Australia £A.	25 2 10	21 7 0	20 18 10	19 19 7	19 9 0
	London £Stg. <i>a</i>	1 11 8	1 8 6	1 8 1	1 7 7	1 6 11
War (1939–45)	Australia £A.	..	202 4 11	202 0 6	195 12 2	187 16 2
	London £Stg.	..	0 15 5	0 15 3	0 15 0	0 14 7
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	6 4 4	7 5 1	8 11 9	10 2 1	11 13 8
	London £Stg.	10 6 11	7 3 5	7 0 7	6 17 5	6 13 4
	New York £(b)	2 5 8	2 2 4	2 1 8	2 1 2	1 19 11
Total ..	Australia £A.	31 7 2	230 17 0	231 11 1	225 13 10	218 18 10
	London £Stg.	11 18 7	9 7 4	9 3 11	9 0 0	8 14 10
	New York £(b)	2 5 8	2 2 4	2 1 8	2 1 2	1 19 11
Total ..	..	45 11 5	242 6 8	242 16 8	236 15 0	229 13 7
State ..	Australia £A.	69 16 4	72 18 9	75 4 5	79 13 4	84 12 11
	London £Stg.	55 6 1	45 7 6	44 2 7	42 14 9	40 5 7
	New York £(b)	4 1 4	3 7 6	3 5 8	3 4 9	3 2 7
Total ..	..	129 3 9	121 13 9	122 12 8	125 12 10	128 1 1
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	100 19 8	303 10 6	306 10 0	305 0 9	303 4 7
	London £Stg.	67 1 8	54 11 8	53 3 3	51 11 4	48 17 1
	New York £(b)	6 6 10	5 9 7	5 7 1	5 5 7	5 2 3
Total ..	..	174 8 2	363 11 9	365 0 4	361 17 8	357 3 11

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.  
(£'000.)

Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	25,585	63,042	65,781	67,578	69,446
	London £Stg. <i>a</i>	18,366	14,141	13,696	13,133	12,294
	New York £(b)	2,219	2,020	1,732	1,614	1,606
Total(c) ..	..	46,170	79,203	81,209	82,325	83,346

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.  
(£ s. d.)

Commonwealth and State ..	Australia ..	3 12 9	2 15 8	2 16 8	2 17 6	2 18 0
	London(a) ..	3 18 7	3 9 5	3 8 0	3 6 1	3 3 7
	New York ..	5 0 6	4 18 9	4 5 4	3 19 4	3 19 5
Total(d) ..	..	3 16 0	2 18 4	2 18 9	2 19 0	2 19 1

(a) See footnote (c), page 54.  
and interest payable, page 54.  
taking no account of exchange.  
of exchange.

(b) See footnote (a) to table on Commonwealth and State Public Debt  
(c) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest payable,  
(d) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable, taking no account

## Section VI.—Social Services, War and Service Pensions.

## COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL SERVICES.

(£'000.)

Item.	1938-39.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	9 months ended March, 1950.
Age and Invalid Pensions .. ..	15,992	29,417	36,526	41,694	32,965
Funeral Benefits .. ..	..	209	210	253	195
Child Endowment .. ..	..	19,863	19,426	24,323	23,167
Widows' Pensions .. ..	..	3,366	3,904	4,389	3,353
Maternity Allowances .. ..	437	3,026	2,854	2,829	2,254
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits ..	..	1,650	1,217	1,070	2,179
Hospital Benefits .. ..	..	4,380	4,448	5,885	4,748
Tuberculosis Benefits .. ..	..	110	28	151	142
Pharmaceutical Benefits .. ..	..	..	..	149	226
Community Rehabilitation .. ..	..	..	..	34	149
Mental Institutions .. ..	..	..	..	..	157
National Health Service .. ..	..	..	..	..	67
Rental Rebates .. ..	..	..	..	..	1
Total .. ..	16,429	62,021	68,613	80,777	69,603

## COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1949.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1949.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1949.		Pensions Paid during 1948-49. (a)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Total Age and Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per head of Popn. (b)
New South Wales(c)	131,941	35,521	167,462	421	113	s. d.	s. d.	£	s. d.
Victoria .. ..	81,753	15,575	97,328	382	73	80 1	82 4	17,489,106	113 6
Queensland .. ..	43,684	12,469	56,153	380	108	82 8	83 8	10,244,132	96 11
South Australia(d) ..	29,258	4,987	34,245	426	73	81 11	83 9	5,941,139	104 9
Western Australia ..	23,739	4,340	28,079	446	81	81 2	81 9	3,584,978	105 9
Tasmania .. ..	10,952	3,164	14,116	446	117	79 7	82 0	2,921,040	111 10
Total .. ..	321,327	76,056	397,383	406	96	81 2	82 6	1,513,285	112 10
								41,693,680	106 11

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions and allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

## COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population.(a)		Pension Payments during Year. (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.
	Age.	Invalid.	Total.	Age.	Invalid.		
1911 ..	75,502	7,451	82,953	168	17	£ 1,847,440	s. d. 19 1
1912 ..	79,071	10,763	89,834	170	23	2,149,659	19 0
1913 ..	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,301,675	19 6
1914 ..	87,780	16,865	104,645	177	34	2,592,201	19 5
1915 ..	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19 5
1916 ..	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19 4
1917 ..	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,554,135	24 3
1918 ..	95,387	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,793,037	24 3
1919 ..	95,969	31,999	127,968	185	62	3,936,626	24 2
1920 ..	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	29 1
1921 ..	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	28 9
1922 ..	105,096	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,380,034	28 9
1923 ..	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	70	5,424,016	28 9
1924 ..	113,054	42,617	155,671	195	73	6,523,881	33 9
1925 ..	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,905	33 8
1926 ..	126,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	8,252,387	38 7
1927 ..	133,234	52,399	185,633	215	85	9,144,589	38 6
1928 ..	139,367	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,790,346	38 5
1929 ..	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	38 5
1930 ..	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	38 5
1931 ..	172,177	68,343	240,520	264	104	11,710,953	38 4
1932 ..	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,125,956	33 3
1933 ..	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,061	31 10
1934 ..	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	110	10,963,090	33 8
1935 ..	197,126	76,852	273,978	293	114	11,762,030	33 7
1936 ..	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,726	34 8
1937 ..	215,690	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,998,793	36 8
1938 ..	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	15,798,687	38 6
1939 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	334	127	15,991,782	38 5
1940(c)	272,896	58,696	331,592	388	83	16,459,245	38 6
1941 ..	276,760	58,921	335,681	389	83	17,366,365	(d)41 5
1942 ..	275,456	60,597	336,053	384	84	19,257,052	(d)48 4
1943 ..	267,239	58,081	325,320	369	80	22,292,835	(d)51 1
1944 ..	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	21,699,100	(d)51 11
1945 ..	252,634	58,281	310,915	342	79	21,701,127	51 5
1946 ..	264,826	62,868	327,694	355	84	26,962,420	(d)62 8
1947 ..	290,173	68,277	358,450	383	90	29,416,673	62 8
1948 ..	302,854	73,073	375,927	393	95	36,526,395	(d)71 11
1949 ..	321,327	76,056	397,383	406	96	41,693,680	(d)81 5

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions, and from 1943 to 1944 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (c) At 30th June, all invalid pensioners qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list. (d) Increases, including retail price adjustment, since December, 1940, were as follows:—2s. December, 1940: 1s. April, 1941: 4s. December 1941: 3s. April, 1942: 1s. October, 1942: 1s. January, 1943: 1s. April, 1943: 1s. August, 1943: 11s. July, 1945: 10s. July, 1947: 10s. October, 1948. Rate £4 5s. from 21st October, 1948. On 6th April, 1944 adjustment provision made on retail price index-numbers was abolished.



## COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1949.

State.	Endowed Families.		Number per 10,000 of Population.		Amount paid during 1948-49.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)
	No.	No.			£	s. d.
New South Wales(c)	247,027	426,991	788	1,362	9,313,460	60 5
Victoria ..	157,625	265,672	738	1,243	6,153,650	58 3
Queensland ..	94,206	177,126	818	1,539	4,024,422	70 11
South Australia(d) ..	53,827	90,239	784	1,314	2,011,816	59 4
Western Australia ..	45,194	79,693	849	1,496	1,809,928	69 4
Tasmania ..	22,872	44,170	849	1,640	1,008,526	75 2
Abroad ..	68	103	..	..	1,611	..
Total 1948-49 ..	620,819	1,083,994	785	1,370	24,323,413	62 5
1947-48 ..	586,415	1,029,777	760	1,335	19,425,518	50 10

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—21,305 in 369 institutions at 30th June, 1949; 20,580 in 366 institutions at 30th June, 1948. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945, and to 10s. per week from 9th November, 1948) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

## COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1949.(a)

State.	Pensions Current.(b)		Number of Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Fort-nightly rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during 1948-49.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.(c)
				£ s. d.	£	s. d.
New South Wales(d)	17,402	56	7,751	3 19 10	1,761,978	11 5
Victoria ..	11,164	52	3,916	3 18 8	1,120,589	10 7
Queensland ..	6,879	60	3,025	4 1 7	719,521	12 8
South Australia(e) ..	3,514	51	1,328	3 18 11	364,211	10 9
Western Australia ..	2,883	54	1,213	4 0 3	280,360	10 9
Tasmania ..	1,409	52	658	3 18 5	141,809	10 7
Total 1948-49 ..	43,251	55	17,891	3 19 8	4,388,468	11 3
1947-48 ..	43,025	56	17,732	3 8 11	3,904,086	10 3

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942. (b) Excludes eleven (1948-49) and six (1947-48) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylums. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (e) Includes Northern Territory.

## COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

## Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1939 ..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,940	42	80,916	486,614
1944 (b) ..	57,792	38,653	23,743	12,636	10,439	5,804	(c)	149,067	2,287,000
1945 ..	61,755	40,582	26,432	14,361	10,909	5,582	(c)	159,621	2,542,801
1946 ..	60,780	40,991	25,281	13,736	9,912	5,796	(c)	156,446	2,492,495
1947 ..	73,110	50,730	29,002	17,860	13,750	7,542	(c)	191,994	3,026,459
1948 ..	68,116	46,027	27,920	15,856	12,553	7,074	(c)	d 177,568	2,854,018
1949 ..	67,534	46,309	27,570	16,381	13,107	6,984	(c)	e 177,955	2,828,849
Total since 10.10.1912	1,730,186	1,144,380	667,335	385,508	286,395	185,561	1,127	4,400,582 (f)	32,746,568

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) From 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished. From 1st July, 1947, the allowances payable were as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years, £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years, £16 (iii) three or more other children under 16 years, £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. (c) Included with South Australia. (d) Includes 20 claims paid abroad. (e) Includes 70 claims paid abroad. (f) Includes 90 claims paid abroad.

## UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS PAID.(a)

(For particulars of persons on benefit see page 77.)

(£.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year ..	275,205	28,234	108,138	73,226	36,440	3,827	525,070
1946-47 " ..	172,141	159,060	441,048	20,064	110,700	7,809	910,822
1947-48 " ..	60,499	16,639	248,357	4,038	37,192	2,904	369,629
1948-49 " ..	23,279	2,417	99,591	580	9,986	2,993	138,846
1948-49—September Quarter	6,548	1,123	12,487	197	4,488	1,221	26,064
December " ..	6,142	486	12,092	115	2,119	663	21,617
March " ..	4,509	392	38,541	82	2,109	578	46,211
June " ..	6,080	416	36,471	186	1,270	531	44,954
1949-50—September " ..	1,146,486	3,002	88,648	32,928	14,444	717	1,286,225
December " ..	Cr.86,108	1,206	5,501	Cr. 228	1,405	551	Cr.77,673
March " ..	2,792	1,001	23,214	353	1,067	428	28,855

## SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1945-46 Year ..	198,943	139,267	76,306	53,076	34,817	23,459	525,868
1946-47 " ..	258,782	182,184	106,631	74,471	56,050	33,246	711,364
1947-48 " ..	302,987	209,128	103,521	79,110	58,255	38,326	791,327
1948-49 " ..	302,298	196,548	118,789	76,620	62,569	39,002	795,826
1948-49—September Quarter	84,517	55,409	22,556	22,365	17,024	11,694	213,565
December " ..	78,807	46,502	31,538	18,911	16,676	9,377	201,811
March " ..	73,069	48,367	32,453	18,035	13,698	8,865	194,487
June " ..	65,905	46,270	32,242	17,309	15,171	9,066	185,963
1949-50—September " ..	76,894	61,065	21,270	22,230	15,065	11,007	207,531
December " ..	72,009	52,255	30,362	20,288	14,394	9,422	198,730
March " ..	80,596	52,864	31,881	20,692	14,828	8,373	209,234

(a) In addition, £4,274 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1945-46; £27,939 during 1946-47; £56,518 during 1947-48 and £135,754 during 1948-49. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—The *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944*, which came into operation on 1st July, 1945 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1949*), provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is 25s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus 20s. for dependent spouse and 5s. for a dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is 15s. if under 18 years and 20s. if 18 and under 21 years. In certain cases 20s. per week may be paid in respect of claimant's housekeeper.

## AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1949.

## (i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.		
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependents of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.
New South Wales(a) ..	62,552	16,881	84,808	164,241	£ s. d. 2 6 7	£ s. d. 1 3 11	£ s. d. 1 12 7
Victoria ..	44,025	13,486	55,737	113,248	2 8 7	1 7 9	1 15 10
Queensland ..	19,395	5,043	27,119	51,557	2 5 9	1 2 9	1 11 4
South Australia(b) ..	14,959	3,744	22,581	41,284	2 11 2	1 3 0	1 13 3
Western Australia ..	16,935	4,231	25,619	46,785	2 3 11	1 0 10	1 9 1
Tasmania ..	6,372	1,626	9,595	17,593	3 5 11	1 5 10	2 0 4
United Kingdom ..	1,486	1,403	1,659	4,548	2 19 2	2 12 2	2 14 5
Elsewhere ..	392	144	323	859	2 5 9	1 19 5	2 2 4
Total 1948-49 ..	166,116	46,558	227,441	440,115	2 8 0	1 4 9	1 13 6
1947-48 ..	158,773	46,393	210,435	415,601	2 1 7	1 2 11	1 10 1

## (ii) Service Pensions.

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Pensions Current—							
Age (Members of Forces) ..	2,796	1,576	1,201	579	782	136	7,070
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces	1,283	1,072	887	556	579	236	4,613
Dependants ..	1,024	1,028	576	467	428	176	3,699
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces	115	88	28	17	19	4	271
Dependants ..	158	126	26	28	24	3	365
Total 1948-49 ..	5,376	3,890	2,718	1,647	1,832	555	16,018
1947-48 ..	5,217	3,985	2,592	1,654	1,715	527	15,690
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	3 16 3	3 16 10	3 17 3	3 18 8	3 11 3	3 16 2	3 16 3
Dependants ..	2 3 0	2 3 1	2 4 8	2 3 5	2 2 7	2 6 0	2 3 5
All Pensioners 1948-49	3 8 11	3 6 11	3 10 0	3 8 1	3 4 2	3 6 5	3 7 11
1947-48	3 0 0	2 18 1	3 1 5	3 0 0	2 16 0	2 18 8	2 19 3

## (iii) Expenditure.

(£.)

Place of Payment.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
WAR PENSIONS.						
New South Wales(a) ..	3,661,182	4,068,399	4,874,706	5,663,529	5,984,610	6,713,900
Victoria ..	3,022,522	3,245,026	3,640,063	4,081,324	4,436,021	5,249,295
Queensland ..	1,177,089	1,291,869	1,466,574	1,616,412	1,793,990	2,074,951
South Australia(b) ..	763,350	851,527	1,049,768	1,243,066	1,402,474	1,717,225
Western Australia ..	941,924	1,052,734	1,204,951	1,427,953	1,499,821	1,758,028
Tasmania ..	523,675	551,350	624,354	726,216	782,474	908,734
Elsewhere ..	258,367	336,480	337,801	297,140	363,377	332,359
Total ..	10,348,609	11,397,385	13,258,217	15,055,640	16,262,773	18,754,492
Includes War (1939-45) ..	1,730,471	2,763,796	4,903,409	6,746,192	7,578,512	8,992,884
SERVICE PENSIONS.						
New South Wales(a) ..	216,001	199,535	253,274	275,948	446,404	441,541
Victoria ..	163,377	169,716	206,276	239,650	288,084	322,659
Queensland ..	113,143	113,847	141,965	155,988	198,257	226,079
South Australia(b) ..	63,525	66,651	85,803	102,937	121,638	142,015
Western Australia ..	72,096	72,158	86,339	95,786	144,936	150,375
Tasmania ..	24,392	27,089	31,223	33,811	38,793	46,286
Total ..	652,534	648,996	804,880	904,120	1,238,112	1,328,955
Includes War (1939-45) ..	6,403	7,523	11,372	15,786	25,315	30,830

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

## Section VII.—Private Finance.

## CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

(i) Average Liabilities within Australia.(a)  
(£'000.)

Period.	Inter- minable Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circu- lation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Bills payable and all other Lia- bilities.	Total Lia- bilities.
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(b)								
Quarter ended Dec., 1948	.. ..	51,200	13,741	64,941	..	1,018	8,469	74,428
" " Mar., 1949	.. ..	53,521	13,608	67,129	..	9,295	8,354	84,778
" " June, 1949	.. ..	56,887	12,715	69,602	..	10,444	7,909	87,955
" " Sept., 1949	.. ..	66,483	12,755	79,238	..	12,360	7,610	99,208
" " Dec., 1949	.. ..	78,407	14,200	92,607	..	13,921	8,043	114,571
" " Mar., 1950	.. ..	72,598	16,023	88,621	..	15,310	25,276	129,207
1949—Month of Jan.	.. ..	52,702	14,066	66,768	..	9,190	8,055	84,013
" " Feb.	.. ..	54,526	13,453	67,979	..	9,359	7,769	85,107
" " Mar.	.. ..	53,372	13,367	66,739	..	9,327	9,061	85,127
1950—Month of Jan.	.. ..	76,027	15,654	91,681	..	15,493	8,798	115,972
" " Feb.	.. ..	70,326	15,928	86,254	..	15,197	21,798	123,249
" " Mar.	.. ..	71,673	16,393	88,066	..	15,254	41,242	144,562

## NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(c)

Quarter ended Dec., 1948	..	729	554,106	212,699	766,805	158	23,983	10,786	802,461
" " Mar., 1949(d)	..	729	596,731	214,642	811,373	158	30,461	10,448	853,169
" " June, 1949	..	729	606,914	217,258	824,172	158	43,440	11,875	880,374
" " Sept., 1949(d)	..	729	582,431	212,567	794,998	158	36,678	10,610	843,173
" " Dec., 1949	..	729	648,494	218,425	866,919	158	19,737	13,410	900,953
" " Mar., 1950	..	729	741,446	229,247	970,693	158	29,196	13,930	1,014,706
1949—Month of Jan.	..	729	575,644	215,480	791,124	158	28,508	9,507	830,026
" " Feb.	..	729	598,677	214,659	813,336	158	31,748	10,931	856,902
" " Mar.	..	729	612,043	213,957	826,000	158	30,995	10,815	868,697
1950—Month of Jan.	..	729	703,002	226,848	929,850	158	18,649	11,932	961,318
" " Feb.	..	729	737,754	228,938	966,692	158	34,193	14,635	1,016,407
" " Mar.	..	729	775,155	231,414	1,006,569	158	33,635	14,963	1,056,054

## OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(c)

Quarter ended Dec., 1948	..	20,591	16,916	7,194	24,110	..	363	706	45,770
" " Mar., 1949	..	21,101	16,101	7,773	28,874	..	160	770	50,162
" " June, 1949	..	20,491	20,579	7,723	28,302	..	204	999	49,996
" " Sept., 1949	..	20,498	18,842	7,684	26,526	..	128	1,196	48,348
" " Dec., 1949	..	20,341	19,849	8,707	28,556	..	173	1,155	50,225
" " Mar., 1950	..	20,077	26,818	10,231	37,049	..	183	1,265	58,574
1949—Month of Jan.	..	20,362	20,037	7,537	27,574	..	235	795	48,966
" " Feb.	..	20,358	20,853	7,756	28,609	..	135	716	49,818
" " Mar.	..	20,354	22,151	7,975	30,126	..	120	793	51,393
1950—Month of Jan.	..	20,084	22,695	9,386	32,081	..	186	1,129	53,480
" " Feb.	..	20,079	26,923	9,978	36,901	..	186	1,324	58,490
" " Mar.	..	20,069	30,032	11,109	41,141	..	179	1,327	62,716

## ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Quarter ended Dec., 1948	..	21,320	622,222	233,694	855,856	158	25,364	19,961	922,659
" " Mar., 1949	..	21,087	671,353	236,023	907,376	158	39,916	19,572	988,109
" " June, 1949	..	21,220	684,380	237,696	922,076	158	54,088	20,783	1,018,325
" " Sept., 1949	..	21,227	667,756	233,006	900,762	158	49,166	19,416	990,729
" " Dec., 1949	..	21,070	746,750	241,332	988,082	158	33,831	22,608	1,065,749
" " Mar., 1950	..	20,806	840,862	255,501	1,096,363	158	44,689	40,471	1,202,487
1949—Month of Jan.	..	21,091	648,383	237,083	885,466	158	37,933	18,357	963,005
" " Feb.	..	21,087	674,056	235,868	909,924	158	41,242	19,416	991,827
" " Mar.	..	21,083	687,566	235,299	922,865	158	40,442	20,669	1,005,217
1950—Month of Jan.	..	20,813	801,724	251,888	1,053,612	158	34,328	21,859	1,130,770
" " Feb.	..	20,808	835,003	254,844	1,089,847	158	49,576	37,757	1,198,146
" " Mar.	..	20,798	876,800	258,916	1,135,776	158	49,068	57,532	1,263,332

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on Wednesdays in periods. (b) Includes the General Banking Division and the Rural Credits, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments. (c) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. See page 63 for earlier periods for Nine Trading Banks. (d) Technical adjustments in the method of compiling advances and deposits were made by two banks from January, 1949, and by another from July, 1949. The effect was to reduce both deposits and advances by approximately £9,000,000 in January, 1949, and £2,600,000 in July, 1949.



**Cheque-paying Banks—continued.**  
**(ii) Average Assets within Australia.(a)**  
**(£'000.)**

Period.	Cash and Cash Balan-ces. (b)	Special Account with C'w'lth Bank.	Balances with other Banks. (c)	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Ad- vances and Bills Dis- counted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(d)									
Quarter ended Dec., 1948 ..	7,955	..	386	750	31,987	62	46,074	1,787	89,001
" " Mar., 1949 ..	7,221	..	372	346	37,577	75	52,700	1,565	99,856
" " June, 1949 ..	5,630	..	538	..	36,381	78	56,807	1,504	100,938
" " Sept., 1949 ..	18,331	..	422	..	31,266	76	63,183	1,512	114,790
" " Dec., 1949 ..	22,863	..	562	..	35,585	73	69,559	1,573	130,165
" " Mar., 1950 ..	9,417	..	556	1,346	41,228	73	90,056	1,736	144,412
1949—Month of Jan. ..	8,559	..	328	750	37,528	75	50,567	1,655	99,462
" " Feb. ..	8,609	..	355	375	37,778	75	51,872	1,635	100,699
" " Mar. ..	5,042	..	420	..	37,456	75	55,067	1,437	99,497
1950—Month of Jan. ..	14,922	..	435	..	41,073	73	74,239	1,650	132,392
" " Feb. ..	7,965	..	572	..	41,574	73	86,079	1,760	138,023
" " Mar. ..	6,176	..	641	3,500	41,073	73	105,891	1,784	159,138

<b>NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(e)</b>									
Quarter ended Dec., 1948 ..	50,778	288,457	14,966	28,585	60,109	287	372,505	20,543	886,230
" " Mar., 1949(f) ..	50,689	345,114	14,301	30,623	62,912	364	361,957	20,483	886,443
" " June, 1949 ..	43,147	383,065	15,398	14,062	63,344	528	377,544	19,287	916,375
" " Sept., 1949(f) ..	46,513	325,357	13,698	13,793	72,854	490	391,929	18,507	883,141
" " Dec., 1949 ..	55,441	321,453	18,998	33,177	76,398	334	403,222	18,865	927,888
" " Mar., 1950 ..	55,208	405,069	18,251	34,596	90,113	350	402,037	18,318	1,023,942
1949—Month of Jan. ..	53,778	321,128	13,092	31,950	61,253	364	363,150	20,840	865,555
" " Feb. ..	51,385	344,116	14,792	32,100	62,050	364	363,189	20,350	888,346
" " Mar. ..	47,662	365,103	14,876	28,380	64,928	364	360,016	20,304	901,633
1950—Month of Jan. ..	59,369	364,453	15,475	37,000	84,744	331	400,902	18,474	980,748
" " Feb. ..	51,975	409,703	18,554	31,750	92,495	331	399,849	18,452	1,023,109
" " Mar. ..	54,465	433,853	20,229	34,950	92,503	381	404,696	18,087	1,059,164

<b>OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(e)</b>									
Quarter ended Dec., 1948 ..	4,011	1,149	1,778	2,323	12,376	163	39,066	2,539	63,405
" " Mar., 1949 ..	5,241	1,306	1,389	2,392	14,073	175	39,985	3,171	67,732
" " June, 1949 ..	3,578	1,505	959	1,611	15,220	175	41,630	3,312	67,990
" " Sept., 1949 ..	3,022	1,640	1,010	1,07	13,260	181	43,510	3,044	65,774
" " Dec., 1949 ..	3,763	1,717	1,231	346	11,878	230	45,329	3,718	68,212
" " Mar., 1950 ..	5,153	2,328	1,305	1,689	13,505	245	46,574	4,636	75,435
1949—Month of Jan. ..	5,398	1,167	1,817	2,400	12,792	175	39,825	2,998	66,572
" " Feb. ..	5,219	1,367	1,308	2,500	14,183	175	39,812	3,091	67,655
" " Mar. ..	5,130	1,367	1,112	2,300	15,010	175	40,253	3,374	68,721
1950—Month of Jan. ..	3,948	1,717	1,458	1,000	12,396	244	46,106	4,081	70,950
" " Feb. ..	5,170	1,917	1,217	1,300	13,756	244	46,296	4,975	74,875
" " Mar. ..	6,102	3,147	1,253	2,550	14,194	245	47,169	4,810	79,470

<b>ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.</b>									
Quarter ended Dec., 1948 ..	62,744	289,606	17,130	31,658	104,472	512	457,045	24,869	988,636
" " Mar., 1949 ..	63,151	346,420	16,062	33,361	114,562	614	454,642	25,219	1,054,031
" " June, 1949 ..	52,355	384,570	16,895	15,673	114,945	781	475,981	24,103	1,085,303
" " Sept., 1949 ..	67,866	326,997	15,130	13,900	117,380	747	498,622	23,063	1,063,705
" " Dec., 1949 ..	82,067	323,170	20,791	33,523	123,811	637	518,110	24,156	1,126,265
" " Mar., 1950 ..	69,778	407,397	20,112	37,631	144,846	668	538,667	24,690	1,243,789
1949—Month of Jan. ..	67,735	322,295	15,237	35,100	111,573	614	453,542	25,493	1,031,589
" " Feb. ..	65,213	345,483	16,455	34,975	114,011	614	454,873	25,076	1,056,700
" " Mar. ..	57,834	366,470	16,408	30,680	117,394	614	455,336	25,115	1,069,851
1950—Month of Jan. ..	78,239	366,170	17,368	38,000	138,213	648	521,247	24,205	1,184,090
" " Feb. ..	65,110	411,620	20,343	33,050	147,825	648	532,224	25,187	1,236,007
" " Mar. ..	66,743	437,000	22,123	41,000	147,770	699	557,756	24,681	1,297,772

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on Wednesdays in periods. (b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks. (d) See footnote (b), page 61. (e) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act 1945*. See page 63 for earlier periods for Nine Trading Banks. (f) See footnote (d), page 61. (g) Includes Rural and Industrial Bank of Western Australia account with State Treasury and from July, 1949, includes deposit with State Treasury, South Australia.

**COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA. (a)**  
**Average Liabilities and Assets within Australia.**  
 (£'000.)

Year.	Liabilities.				Assets.				
	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.	Cash and Cash Balances.	Australian Public Securities.		Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	Total Assets.
	Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.			Treasury Bills.	Other.		
1945-46 (b) ..	35,775	21,101	56,876	59,329	7,366	5,379	35,249	20,533	70,187
1946-47 ..	41,372	17,574	58,946	61,577	7,176	3,131	36,488	25,698	74,443
1947-48 ..	44,549	13,873	58,422	62,454	7,432	1,189	32,662	33,338	76,728
1948-49 ..	52,346	13,214	65,560	78,795	6,871	462	34,461	49,230	93,163

(a) See footnote (b) page 61.

(b) Ten months ended June, 1946.

**NINE TRADING BANKS.**  
**(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)**  
**(i) Average Liabilities within Australia.**  
 (£'000.)

Year.	Interim-able Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Bills Payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Liabilities.
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				
1938-39 ..	2,644	118,868	198,793	317,661	167	921	(b) 3,005	324,398
1945-46 ..	1,664	385,953	220,415	606,368	166	1,194	6,338	615,730
1946-47 ..	889	429,749	206,862	636,611	159	1,748	7,792	647,199
1947-48 ..	733	471,504	201,892	673,496	158	11,933	8,423	694,743
1948-49 ..	729	565,140	211,262	776,402	158	32,522	10,576	820,387

**(ii) Average Assets within Australia.**  
 (£'000.)

Year.	Cash and Cash Balances. (c)	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Balances with Other Banks. (d)	Australian Public Securities. (e)		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All Other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
1938-39 ..	33,597		3,938	21,533	20,477	(f)	288,109	(h) 9,421	377,075
1945-46 ..	38,462	238,098	8,748	59,782	115,272	(f)	214,401	(h) 9,802	634,565
1946-47 ..	37,928	264,991	10,302	25,831	95,026	164	261,140	14,280	709,662
1947-48 ..	44,390	262,258	12,254	18,089	65,606	1,874	329,850	17,154	751,475
1948-49 ..	48,016	322,670	14,267	22,111	61,454	742	368,582	20,213	858,055

(a) Includes Other Liabilities.

(b) Excludes Other Liabilities—see footnote (a).

(c) See

footnote (b), page 62.

(d) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks.

(e) Government and Municipal Securities prior to September, 1945.

(f) Included with Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.

(g) Includes other assets—see footnotes (f) and (h).

(h) Landed and house property only. Other assets included with Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.

**COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.**  
**Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).**  
 (Averages of weekly figures.)  
 (£A.'000.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Li- abilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Govern- ment and Other Securi- ties (Includ- ing Treas- ury Bills).
	Held by—		Total.					
	Banks.	Public.						
Year 1945-46(a) ..	16,908	176,905	193,813	241,843	26,864	144,385	181,594	418,266
Year 1946-47 ..	18,741	180,661	199,402	266,951	24,063	122,101	217,642	392,217
Year 1947-48 ..	22,245	175,845	198,090	263,688	28,018	142,014	196,694	419,857
Year 1948-49 ..	24,912	178,649	203,561	323,930	29,764	174,647	336,175	356,260
Quarter ended Dec., 1948	25,316	176,866	202,182	289,607	32,129	184,971	324,631	359,490
"    "    Mar., 1949	25,267	179,588	204,855	346,420	32,974	184,921	357,468	350,994
"    "    June, 1949	25,749	184,818	210,567	384,570	29,625	176,255	392,300	346,752
"    "    Sept., 1949	25,493	187,859	213,352	326,997	26,566	183,988	381,672	327,118
"    "    Dec., 1949	28,324	193,682	222,006	323,170	33,524	213,003	395,562	371,706
"    "    Mar., 1950	28,582	195,058	223,640	407,397	34,237	195,269	456,555	352,721
1949—Month of Jan. ..	26,886	178,781	205,667	322,295	34,614	174,904	340,732	362,748
"    "    Feb. ..	24,711	178,644	203,355	345,482	34,313	160,990	351,974	354,098
"    "    Mar. ..	24,417	180,988	205,405	366,470	30,592	160,080	375,252	339,108
1950—Month of Jan. ..	30,363	194,638	225,001	366,170	35,596	195,843	427,652	370,098
"    "    Feb. ..	27,823	194,115	221,938	411,620	31,820	183,909	449,568	349,119
"    "    Mar. ..	27,765	196,148	223,913	437,000	35,084	203,897	485,268	341,700

(a) Ten months ended June, 1946.

## DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

## All Cheque-paying Banks.

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Year 1945-46(b) ..	52,887	45,791	14,879	8,661	5,855	2,889	95	131,057
" 1946-47 ..	65,690	55,433	16,972	10,457	7,189	3,374	119	159,234
" 1947-48(c) ..	78,383	64,285	20,019	12,722	8,746	3,947	142	188,244
" 1948-49 ..	91,900	77,699	24,546	15,493	10,770	4,699	205	225,402
Qtr. ended Dec., 1948 ..	92,467	76,703	24,220	15,516	11,071	4,578	176	224,731
" " Mar., 1949 ..	89,418	78,859	24,024	16,112	11,665	4,762	213	225,053
" " June, 1949 ..	102,441	83,704	26,724	16,632	10,852	5,185	257	245,795
" " Sept., 1949 ..	96,442	84,149	25,981	15,977	11,237	5,101	253	239,140
" " Dec., 1949 ..	115,883	103,055	30,261	19,523	14,018	5,179	232	288,151
" " Mar., 1950 ..	118,889	105,184	28,929	21,260	16,193	5,826	257	296,538
1949—Month of Jan. ..	83,587	66,282	20,780	13,353	10,912	3,812	237	198,963
" " Feb. ..	91,121	82,640	27,610	16,517	11,916	5,162	195	235,161
" " Mar. ..	92,721	85,897	23,751	17,996	12,067	5,200	208	237,840
1950—Month of Jan. ..	105,888	90,096	27,742	18,745	15,866	4,802	240	263,379
" " Feb. ..	117,702	108,231	28,433	22,331	15,694	5,703	238	298,332
" " Mar. ..	130,240	114,816	30,274	22,415	16,854	6,745	286	321,630

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Average of weeks ended last Monday in periods to December, 1946; thereafter average of weeks ended last Wednesday in periods. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) From January, 1948, debits to customers' accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from the Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to the National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded.

## BANK CLEARING HOUSES.—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.(a)

(£'000.)

Weekly Average.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
Year 1938-39.. ..	17,832	15,415	4,212	2,953	2,055	623	43,090
" 1944-45.. ..	28,556	27,839	6,895	5,127	2,777	1,032	72,226
" 1945-46.. ..	30,968	31,398	7,154	5,593	3,257	1,185	79,555
" 1946-47.. ..	38,580	35,631	7,978	6,469	3,926	1,310	93,894
" 1947-48.. ..	44,786	41,237	9,288	8,038	4,892	1,543	109,784
" 1948-49.. ..	53,519	48,870	11,131	9,663	6,039	1,778	131,000
1949—							
1st January to 26th January ..	45,117	38,147	8,660	8,690	6,257	1,330	108,201
27th January to 25th February ..	51,378	48,180	12,569	10,060	6,882	2,208	131,277
26th February to 30th March ..	51,909	52,908	10,088	11,302	7,005	1,985	135,197
1950—							
1st January to 25th January ..	58,675	51,137	11,365	10,990	8,220	1,748	142,135
26th January to 22nd February ..	65,176	63,543	12,231	12,862	8,871	2,238	164,921
23rd February to 29th March ..	78,113	69,701	13,949	13,300	9,169	2,816	187,048

(a) Average weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills.

### SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

(£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1945 ..	198,203	182,149	80,094	56,995	31,763	16,914	(b)	846	566,964
1946 ..	236,242	211,326	90,063	65,865	38,289	20,447	349	973	663,554
1947 ..	231,368	216,107	85,602	67,900	36,625	20,556	537	1,020	660,015
1948 ..	236,964	226,401	84,836	73,613	36,183	21,572	649	1,100	681,318
1949 ..	244,483	239,246	87,442	81,163	37,535	22,413	726	1,211	714,219
1949—									
Jan. ..	238,564	229,421	85,628	76,945	36,477	21,740	680	1,145	690,600
Feb. ..	240,000	230,683	85,612	77,860	36,569	21,988	688	1,162	694,562
Mar. ..	240,282	231,411	85,637	78,434	36,650	22,070	692	1,160	696,336
1950—									
Jan. ..	250,594	247,458	89,708	84,136	38,347	23,387	795	1,348	735,773
Feb. ..	251,755	248,322	89,993	84,809	38,493	23,685	788	1,389	739,234
Mar. ..	252,633	249,369	89,827	85,239	38,710	23,849	801	1,402	741,830

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

(b) Included with South Australia.

NOTE.—Sales of War Savings and Savings Certificates were discontinued after 31st January, 1949, except for sales to wind up savings groups, &c. The net amount outstanding at the end of March, 1950, was £56,731,000.

### COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

(£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1945 ..	198,203	38,933	80,094	10,505	31,763	6,006	(a)	846	366,350
1946 ..	236,242	47,603	90,063	12,665	38,289	7,851	349	973	434,035
1947 ..	231,368	47,959	85,602	12,892	36,625	7,947	537	1,020	425,950
1948 ..	236,964	48,620	84,836	12,993	36,183	8,028	649	1,100	429,373
1949 ..	244,483	51,887	87,442	14,587	37,535	8,362	726	1,211	440,233
1949—									
Jan. ..	238,564	49,493	85,628	13,680	36,477	8,057	680	1,145	433,724
Feb. ..	240,000	49,735	85,612	13,861	36,569	8,118	688	1,162	435,745
Mar. ..	240,282	50,058	85,637	14,007	36,650	8,161	692	1,160	436,647
1950—									
Jan. ..	250,594	54,899	89,708	15,593	38,347	8,678	795	1,348	459,962
Feb. ..	251,755	55,337	89,993	15,792	38,493	8,721	788	1,389	462,268
Mar. ..	252,633	55,959	89,827	15,967	38,710	8,820	801	1,402	464,109

(a) Included with South Australia.

### COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

(£'000.)

Denomination.	27th March, 1939.	26th March, 1947.	31st March, 1948.	30th March, 1949.	29th March, 1950.
10s. ..	4,112	7,830	8,532	8,273	8,551
£1 ..	20,994	66,640	66,527	64,566	65,650
£5 ..	11,496	78,163	77,821	81,802	91,527
£10 ..	5,094	45,592	45,271	51,097	58,985
£20 ..	109	8	8	8	7
£50 ..	1,254	97	81	74	68
£100 ..	2,241	178	158	131	76
£1,000 ..	2,230	172	245	654	199
Held by banks	14,821	19,269	22,340	24,372	27,623
„ public	32,709	179,411	176,303	182,233	197,440
Total ..	47,530	198,680	198,643	206,605	225,063



## Section VIII.—Transport and Communication.

OVERSEA SHIPPING(a).—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED—  
AUSTRALIA.

('000.)

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1938-39 ..	5,964	747	6,711	5,990	845	6,835
1945-46(a) ..	4,596	667	5,263	3,976	1,454	5,430
1946-47 ..	4,486	700	5,186	4,165	1,055	5,220
1947-48 ..	4,828	1,255	6,083	4,707	1,138	5,845
1948-49 ..	6,229	1,247	7,476	5,828	1,709	7,537
1948-49 (six months) ..	2,764	588	3,352	2,733	784	3,517
1949-50 (six months) ..	3,951	409	4,360	3,278	1,136	4,414

(a) Excludes particulars of vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

## OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO.—Discharged and Shipped.

('000.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
1948-49 (six months).								
New South Wales ..	1,414	178	808	494	1,742	181	1,031	220
Victoria ..	1,132	83	918	430	270	107	350	293
Queensland ..	145	159	259	95	196	62	484	65
South Australia ..	749	104	326	77	1,147	96	528	59
Western Australia ..	146	99	425	50	27	41	273	85
Tasmania ..	191	165	68	3	200	120	44	10
Northern Territory ..	13	..	3	..	2	..	..	..
Total ..	3,790	788	2,807	1,149	3,584	607	2,710	732
1949-50 (six months).								
New South Wales ..	1,160	150	1,073	602	1,337	194	718	222
Victoria ..	862	139	1,325	593	222	136	503	236
Queensland ..	124	149	302	151	171	62	483	60
South Australia ..	465	105	392	156	1,055	92	335	44
Western Australia ..	114	110	549	95	31	44	339	101
Tasmania ..	219	132	65	11	194	107	31	22
Northern Territory ..	13	..	35	..	4	..	..	..
Total ..	2,957	785	3,741	1,608	3,014	635	2,409	685
Total—1948-49 ..	6,690	1,451	5,849	2,572	6,230	1,173	5,423	1,366
.. 1947-48 ..	7,305	1,484	4,982	1,916	7,109	1,261	4,532	1,245
.. 1946-47 ..	7,278	1,565	4,171	1,394	7,264	1,273	3,097	1,357
.. 1945-46(a) ..	6,196	1,522	4,600	1,649	6,216	1,213	2,462	1,470
.. 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

# OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st MARCH, 1950.

These rates are expressed in sterling and are subject to an adjustment of 25½ per cent. on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

## FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator) .. .. .	6s. 9d. per box (56 lb.)
Cheese (Refrigerator) .. .. .	1½d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell) .. .. .	200s. per ton measurement.
Meats—	
Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—	
Beef .. .. .	1½d. per lb.
Lamb .. .. .	2½d. " "
Mutton .. .. .	2d. " "
Rabbits and Hares .. .. .	157s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins .. .. .	135s. " " "
Sausage Casings (dried, in casks or cases) .. .. .	135s. " " "
Milk and Cream (condensed) .. .. .	135s. " " "

## FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

Sugar (Raw) .. .. .	75s. per ton weight.
Jams .. .. .	107s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Jellies .. .. .	135s. " " "
Dried Fruits .. .. .	107s. 6d. " " "
Fruits, Fresh—(Refrigerator)—	
Apples .. .. .	8s. 4d. per bushel case.
Oranges .. .. .	8s. 4d. " " "
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—	
Wheat—	
Bulk(a) .. .. .	67s. 6d. per ton weight.
Bagged .. .. .	75s. " " "
Barley .. .. .	77s. 6d. " " "
Oats .. .. .	100s. " " "
Maize .. .. .	82s. 6d. " " "
Grain and Pulse, prepared—	
Flour, Wheaten .. .. .	77s. 6d. " " "
Bran .. .. .	97s. 6d. " " "
Pollard .. .. .	90s. " " "
Rice (clean, husked) .. .. .	82s. 6d. " " "

WINE .. .. . 123s. per ton measurement.

## ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—	
Calf .. .. .	1½d. per lb.
Calf, in casks .. .. .	184s. 6d. per ton weight.
Sheep .. .. .	3½d. per lb.
Rabbit .. .. .	3½d. " "
Other .. .. .	3½d. " "
Pearl-shell .. .. .	123s. per ton measurement.
Wool—	
Greasy .. .. .	2. 238d. per lb. less 7%.
Scoured and Washed .. .. .	2. 815d. " " "
Tops .. .. .	2. 681d. per lb. (net).

## VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder .. .. .	135s. per ton measurement.
Bark, Tanning .. .. .	135s. per ton weight.
Copra .. .. .	220s. per ton measurement.
Sandalwood .. .. .	135s. " " "
Raw Cotton (in bales) .. .. .	1½d. per lb.

## APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—

Apparel and Attire .. .. .	135s. per ton measurement.
Binder Twine .. .. .	237s. 6d. per ton weight.

## OILS, FATS AND WAXES—

Oils—	
Eucalyptus .. .. .	135s. per ton measurement.
Other .. .. .	152s. 6d. per ton weight.
Tallow, Unrefined .. .. .	152s. 6d. " " "

PAINTS AND VARNISHES .. .. . 123s. per ton measurement.

(a) Special charter rates on a bulk basis were 65s. 0d. from Eastern States of Australia and 57s. 6d. from Western Australia.

# Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 31st March, 1950—continued.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

## ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—

Ore (in casks)—									
£20 or over per ton	..	..	..	..	160s.	per ton weight.			
Under £20 per ton	..	..	..	..	90s.	" "	" "	" "	
Zinc—									
Ex Risdon ..	..	..	..	..	52s. 6d.	" "	" "	" "	
Other than above	..	..	..	..	72s. 6d.	" "	" "	" "	
Dust (in casks)	..	..	..	..	317s. 6d.	" "	" "	" "	
Sheet (in casks)	..	..	..	..	140s.	" "	" "	" "	
Copper	..	..	..	..	100s.	" "	" "	" "	
Lead ..	..	..	..	..	72s. 6d.	" "	" "	" "	
Steel—									
Billets (up to 20 feet)	..	..	..	..	87s. 6d.	" "	" "	" "	
(over 20 and up to 30 feet)	..	..	..	..	105s.	" "	" "	" "	
Tyres	..	..	..	..	120s.	" "	" "	" "	
Tin Clippings in Ingot form	..	..	..	..	67s. 6d.	" "	" "	" "	

## RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREOF—

Rubber..	..	..	..	..	122s. 6d.	per ton measurement.
Leather	..	..	..	..	295s.	per ton weight.

## WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—

Timber—						
Logs up to 40-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	50s. 6d.	per 100 super. feet.
„ over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	54s. 3d.	" "
„ over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	58s. 3d.	" "
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	26s. 9d.	" "

## EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS

..	..	..	..	..	135s.	per ton measurement.
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## STATIONERY

..	..	..	..	..	135s.	" "
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## DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—

Fertilizers	..	..	..	..	135s.	" "
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## MISCELLANEOUS—

Soap ..	..	..	..	..	135s.	" "
Casein ..	..	..	..	..	212s. 6d.	" "
SPECIE	..	..	..	..	15s.	per cent.

# INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES, GENERAL CARGO, 31st MARCH, 1950.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

(These rates are expressed in Australian currency.)

To—	From—				
	Brisbane.	Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Sydney.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane .. .. .	.. .. .	83 6	..	90 0	..
Sydney .. .. .	83 6	..	..	82 0	..
Melbourne .. .. .	90 0	82 0	..	..	..
Adelaide .. .. .	98 6	90 0	..	82 0	..
Fremantle .. .. .	109 6(a)	103 0	..	96 6	..
Hobart .. .. .	174 6(b)	81 0	..	74 6	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	174 6(b)	81 0	..	65 0	..
Auckland .. .. .	..	109 0	..	109 0	224 9
Wellington .. .. .	..	109 0(c)	..	109 0(c)	224 9(c)
Lyttleton .. .. .	..	109 0	176 10(c)	109 0	176 10(c)
Dunedin .. .. .	..	109 0	176 10(c)	109 0	176 10(c)
New Hebrides—Vila .. .. .	..	180 0	..	..	..
Norfolk Island .. .. .	..	160 0	..	..	..
Papua—					
Port Moresby .. .. .	140 0	140 0	..	..	..
Samarai .. .. .	140 0	140 0	..	..	..
Territory of New Guinea—					
Lae and Madang .. .. .	160 0	160 0	..	..	..
Rabaul .. .. .	150 0	150 0	..	..	..

(a) Plus 10s. per ton if trans-shipped.  
Harbour Improvement Charges.

(b) Trans-shipped at Sydney.

(c) Plus Wellington.

**RAILWAYS (GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE) OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.**

NOTE.—The mileage of private lines is shown in brackets and refers to lines available for general traffic only.

(Miles.)

Government.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114 (69)	6,128 (54)	6,128 (54)	6,128 (54)	6,113 (54)
Victoria ..	4,759 (25)	4,748 (13)	4,748 (13)	4,725 (13)	4,697 (13)
Queensland ..	6,567 (183)	6,566 (136)	6,566 (136)	6,560 (136)	6,560 (136)
South Australia ..	2,557 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)
Western Australia ..	4,378 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,348 (277)	4,348 (277)	4,321 (277)
Tasmania ..	658 (116)	642 (117)	641 (117)	614 (117)	614 (117)
Total ..	27,234 (721)	27,213 (648)	27,179 (648)	27,123 (648)	27,053 (648)

**GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.**

Government.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
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**CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)**

(£'000.)

Commonwealth ..	17,033	18,090	18,266	18,498	18,689
New South Wales ..	147,617	154,976	157,231	165,839	173,100
Victoria ..	52,449	53,299	53,764	54,434	55,789
Queensland ..	38,419	40,689	41,097	41,506	42,118
South Australia ..	29,733	30,647	30,975	31,478	32,568
Western Australia ..	26,022	26,752	27,062	27,497	28,006
Tasmania ..	2,140	3,068	3,151	2,931	3,258
Total(b) ..	315,860	329,968	333,993	344,630	355,975

**AVERAGE MILES WORKED.**

Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,128	6,128	6,128	6,121
Victoria ..	4,754	4,748	4,748	4,725	4,712
Queensland ..	6,567	6,566	6,566	6,560	6,560
South Australia ..	2,557	2,547	2,547	2,547	2,547
Western Australia ..	4,376	4,381	4,348	4,348	4,321
Tasmania ..	658	642	641	614	614
Total ..	27,227	27,213	27,179	27,123	27,076

**TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.(c)**

('000 miles.)

Commonwealth ..	902	1,818	1,513	1,602	1,667
New South Wales ..	30,106 (d)	33,000 (d)	37,500 (d)	38,958 (d)	40,502 (d)
Victoria ..	17,890	16,344	15,539	16,819	17,352
Queensland ..	13,927 (e)	15,607 (e)	16,145 (e)	14,883 (e)	17,443 (e)
South Australia ..	6,177	6,354	6,010	6,134	6,059
Western Australia ..	6,575	6,304	6,594	7,111	7,037
Tasmania ..	1,906	2,229	2,245	2,212	2,225
Total ..	77,483	86,656	85,546	87,719	92,285

**PASSENGER JOURNEYS.**

('000.)

Commonwealth ..	117	347	223	216	217
New South Wales ..	186,720	267,423	261,644	263,047	263,116
Victoria ..	142,124	196,118	170,165	182,210	176,555
Queensland ..	24,639	38,200	34,188	29,325	32,687
South Australia ..	17,529	23,119	19,827	19,067	18,210
Western Australia ..	11,415	17,136	13,879	13,928	12,624
Tasmania ..	2,297	3,413	3,252	2,974	3,295
Total ..	384,841	545,756	503,178	510,767	506,704

(a) Capital was reduced during the period 1st July, 1927 to 1st July, 1937 by approximately £81,500,000 (Victoria, £25,000,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania, £4,700,000).

(b) Includes £2,447,000, Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line capital not included with States. (c) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages. (d) Estimated. (e) Partly estimated.



## Government Railways—continued.

Government.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
GOODS AND LIVE-STOCK CARRIED. ( <sup>0</sup> 000 tons.)					
Commonwealth ..	186	276	343	423	546
New South Wales ..	15,417	16,885	17,594	18,518	18,080
Victoria ..	5,976	7,229	7,562	8,440	8,859
Queensland ..	5,234	5,758	5,750	5,523	6,888
South Australia ..	2,640	2,970	3,215	3,560	3,793
Western Australia ..	2,859	2,728	2,577	2,858	2,737
Tasmania ..	844	880	896	817	801
Total ..	33,156	36,726	37,937	40,139	41,704

## GROSS REVENUE.

(£'000.)

Commonwealth ..	547	1,565	1,099	1,237	1,673
New South Wales ..	19,946	32,113	31,153	37,706	40,463
Victoria ..	9,284	14,675	13,577	16,322	17,274
Queensland ..	7,798	11,917	11,033	11,532	15,392
South Australia ..	3,119	4,871	4,593	5,079	5,849
Western Australia ..	3,599	4,107	4,046	4,562	5,119
Tasmania ..	487	928	893	958	1,050
Total ..	44,780	70,176	66,394	77,396	86,820

## WORKING EXPENSES.

(£'000.)

Commonwealth ..	642	1,502	1,224	1,439	1,777
New South Wales ..	14,543	24,933	25,885	31,015	35,739
Victoria ..	8,060	12,531	12,916	15,225	17,815
Queensland ..	6,193	10,426	10,191	10,641	14,163
South Australia ..	2,931	5,108	5,045	5,947	7,237
Western Australia ..	2,911	4,027	4,424	5,545	6,638
Tasmania ..	678	1,209	1,254	1,455	1,612
Total ..	35,958	59,736	60,939	71,267	84,981

## NET EARNINGS.

(£'000.)

Commonwealth ..	-95	63	-125	-202	-103
New South Wales ..	5,403	7,180	5,267	6,691	4,725
Victoria ..	1,224	2,144	661	1,097	-542
Queensland ..	1,605	1,491	842	891	1,228
South Australia ..	188	-237	-452	-868	-1,388
Western Australia ..	688	80	-378	-983	-1,519
Tasmania ..	-191	-281	-360	-497	-563
Total ..	8,822	10,440	5,455	6,129	1,838

## PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(a)

Commonwealth ..	-0.56	0.35	-0.68	-1.09	-0.55
New South Wales ..	3.66	4.63	3.35	4.04	2.73
Victoria ..	2.33	4.02	1.23	2.01	-0.97
Queensland ..	4.18	3.66	2.05	2.15	2.91
South Australia ..	0.63	-0.77	-1.46	-2.75	-4.26
Western Australia ..	2.64	0.30	-1.40	-3.58	-5.42
Tasmania ..	-8.91	-9.16	-11.44	-16.96	-17.27
Total(b) ..	2.79	3.16	1.63	1.78	0.52

Minus sign (-) denotes loss.

(a) See note (a) on page 69.  
 (b) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton-South Brisbane Line (see note (b) on page 69).

## Government Railways—continued.

## SUMMARY.—SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open .. ..	2,201	6,128	4,725	6,491	2,547	4,348	614	27,054
Revenue—								
Coaching (Passengers,	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	228	7,247	3,574	1,935	672	600	102	14,358
Goods, including live-								
stock and minerals £	407	11,069	4,246	5,983	1,939	1,845	353	25,842
Miscellaneous .. ..	63	(c) 1,399	614	(d)	234	165	4	(e) 2,479
Total Revenue .. ..	698	f 19,715	8,434	7,918	2,845	2,610	459	42,679
Expenditure .. ..	923	16,883	8,791	6,909	3,330	3,361	(g) 675	40,872
Train-miles run .. ..	879	20,449	8,442	9,166	3,133	(h) 3,578	(h) 1,057	46,704
Earnings per train-mile ..	15s. 11d.	19s. 3d.	20s. 0d.	17s. 3d.	18s. 2d.	14s. 7d.	8s. 6d.	18s. 3d.
Expenditure per train-								
mile .. ..	21s. 0d.	16s. 6d.	20s. 10d.	15s. 1d.	21s. 3d.	18s. 9d.	12s. 9d.	17s. 6d.
Expenditure per cent. on								
Earnings .. .. %	132.17	85.64	104.22	87.25	117.02	128.78	147.54	95.77
Passenger journeys .. ..	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Freight carried, tons—	106	130,189	87,638	15,877	9,949	6,343	1,436	251,538
Coal and Coke .. ..	153	(i)	(i)	660	374	194	76	(j)
Other Minerals .. ..	5	(i)	(i)	250	224	121	(k)	(j)
Live-stock .. ..	66	(l) 623	339	355	150	96	11	1,640
Other Goods .. ..	55	8,941	3,944	2,708	1,177	972	307	18,104
Total Freight .. ..	279	9,564	4,283	3,973	1,925	1,383	394	21,801

## SUMMARY.—SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1949.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open .. ..	2,201	6,113	4,697	6,491	2,547	4,321	614	26,984
Revenue—								
Coaching (Passengers,	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	248	6,930	3,691	1,930	647	601	73	14,120
Goods, including live-								
stock and minerals £	605	9,774	4,961	6,114	2,146	2,236	337	26,173
Miscellaneous .. ..	74	(c) 1,419	668	(d)	242	207	12	(e) 2,622
Total Revenue .. ..	927	f 18,123	9,320	8,044	3,035	3,044	422	42,915
Expenditure .. ..	1,023	17,975	9,713	7,881	3,850	3,517	(g) 703	44,662
Train-miles run .. ..	832	17,887	8,397	8,910	2,992	(h) 3,228	(h) 875	43,121
Earnings per train-mile ..	22s. 3d.	20s. 3d.	22s. 2d.	18s. 1d.	20s. 4d.	18s. 10d.	9s. 8d.	19s. 11d.
Expenditure per train-								
mile .. ..	24s. 7d.	20s. 1d.	23s. 2d.	17s. 8d.	25s. 9d.	21s. 9d.	16s. 1d.	20s. 9d.
Expenditure per cent. on								
Earnings .. .. %	110.40	99.18	104.23	97.98	126.83	115.52	166.61	104.07
Passenger-journeys .. ..	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Freight carried, tons—	96	123,724	81,877	15,577	7,989	5,523	1,376	236,162
Coal and Coke .. ..	195	(i)	(i)	627	436	201	73	(j)
Other Minerals .. ..	7	(i)	(i)	237	242	124	(k)	(j)
Live-stock .. ..	35	(l) 514	281	340	128	85	11	1,394
Other Goods .. ..	75	7,380	3,925	2,749	985	975	233	16,322
Total Freight .. ..	312	7,894	4,206	3,953	1,791	1,385	317	19,858

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Incomplete. (f) Excludes Government contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes assistant and light miles. (i) Included with Other Goods. (j) Not available. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Estimated.

## CIVIL AVIATION.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				Six Months ended December, 1949.
	1939.(a)	1947.	1948.	1949.	

## REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES, ACCIDENTS, ETC.

Registered Aircraft Owners No.	(b) 149	(b) 323	(b) 334	(b) 335	(f) 337
Registered Aircraft	(b) 296	(b) 643	(b) 670	(b) 748	(f) 770
Pilots' Licences—(b)					
Private	1,096	(d) 600	614	756	756
Commercial	346	(d) 499	495	481	481
Airline Transport		(d) 738	756	787	787
Navigators' Licences(b)	59				
Flight Navigator		(d) 72	84	118	118
Radio Operators' Licences—(b)					
Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators	75				
Aircraft Radio Telephone Operators					
1st Class Flight Radio Telegraphy Operator		(d) 80	106	113	113
Radio Telephony Operator		(d) 756	807	972	972
Flight Engineers' Licences—(b)					
Flight Engineer		(d) 8	16	47	
Ground Engineers' Licences(b)	525	(d) 1,660	1,660	(e)	(e)
Aerodromes(b)—					
Government	No. 71	131	133	142	142
Public	213	243	240	222	222
Emergency	147	54	49	43	43
Flying Boat Bases	7	5	5	5	5
Accidents—					
Persons Killed	No. 38	15	13	42	21
Persons Injured	15	17	27	21	4

## REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES—OPERATIONS.

Hours flown	No. 39,312	154,772	212,233	224,853	111,981
Miles flown	'000. 5,302	23,038	32,371	35,242	18,132
Paying passengers	No. 41,429	849,647	1,207,839	1,409,300	693,609
Paying passenger miles	'000. 22,423	366,150	503,494	566,038	275,795
Freight—					
Actual tons	No. 391	12,247	25,845	33,381	22,829
Ton miles	'000. (e)	5,972	11,920	15,240	10,478
Mail—					
Actual tons	No. (c) 64	1,120	1,248	1,580	1,699
Ton miles	'000. (e)	621	674	789	810

## OVERSEA SERVICES : OPERATIONS.

Route miles	No. 6,985	19,459	26,667	29,695	30,952
Hours flown	12,686	32,633	39,488	40,262	19,073
Miles flown	'000. 1,736	5,921	7,555	7,982	4,082
Paying passengers	No. 5,350	31,055	41,124	45,296	22,692
Paying passenger miles	'000. 7,335	75,225	122,678	144,869	71,509
Freight—					
Actual tons	tons 6	349	660	765	491
Ton miles	'000. (e)	978	2,630	2,808	1,798
Mail—					
Actual tons	tons (e)	465	638	577	280
Ton miles	'000. (e)	2,112	3,408	3,331	1,616

(a) Includes oversea services of Qantas Empire Airways Ltd. (b) At 30th June of year above each column. (c) Net weight. (d) At 1st April, 1948; new categories in accordance with Standards of the International Civil Aviation Organization. (e) Not available. (f) At 31st December, 1949. (g) Relates to subsidized services only.

## Civil Aviation—continued.

OVERSEA SERVICES: OPERATIONS, SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1949.

Service.	Route Miles.	Hours Flown.	Miles Flown ('000).	Paying Passengers.	Paying Passenger-miles ('000).	Freight.		Mail.	
						Actual Tons.	Ton-miles ('000).	Actual Tons.	Ton-miles ('000).
Australian Operated Services—									
British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines—									
Sydney-Vancouver	8,883	3,245	859	4,451	18,667	31	212	21	147
Auckland-Vancouver	1,326	1,461	388	1,751	6,271	7	30	3	18
	(6,403)								
Qantas Empire Airways Ltd.—									
Sydney-London ..	11,830	5,153	1,240	4,737	29,969	100	701	124	1,121
Sydney - Norfolk Island ..	1,048	135	27	335	351	20	20	..	..
Sydney-Lae ..	2,153	3,991	604	6,170	7,914	123	144	20	31
Sydney-Suva ..	2,060	388	57	227	386	3	5	..	..
Sydney - Hong Kong ..	2,812	598	121	459	1,834	10	37	1	3
	(1,966)								
Other Services—									
British Overseas Airways Corporation—									
Singapore-Sydney(a)	(4,222)	1,949	425	..	..	151	587	54	220
Tasman Empire Airways Ltd.—									
Auckland - Sydney	1,340	2,153	361	4,562	6,117	46	62	57	76
Pan-American Airways—									
San Francisco-Sydney (b)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canadian Pacific Air Lines Ltd.—									
Vancouver - Sydney (b)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total(c)	30,952	19,073	4,082	22,692	71,509	491	1,798	280	1,616

(a) Particulars beyond Singapore not available. (b) Particulars not yet available.  
(c) Incomplete.

NOTE.—Route miles in brackets are not included in totals.

TELEPHONES—LINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED.  
(NUMBER.)

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st March, 1950.
	1939.	1947.	1948.	1949.	
Lines connected ..	487,535	647,876	688,348	734,427	777,158
Instruments connected ..	661,996	905,017	963,154	1,028,134	1,057,342

WIRELESS—BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.(a)  
(NUMBER.)

In force at—	N.S.W. (b)	Victoria.	Q'land. (c)	S. Aust. (d)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
" " 1947 ..	679,505	499,944	228,066	180,909	121,149	61,674	1,771,247
" " 1948 ..	699,259	505,106	239,342	197,326	128,703	63,080	1,832,816
" " 1949 ..	706,452	531,722	261,054	212,416	139,290	63,088	1,919,022
31st March, 1950..	733,391	557,266	273,010	223,931	148,245	71,789	2,007,632

(a) From 30th June, 1943, includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Papua. (d) Includes Northern Territory.



**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE, 1948-49.**

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.				No. of Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', &c., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
						£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	236,399	143,411	36,379	416,189	637,582	3,044,645	329,483	635,226	4,009,354
Victoria ..	189,445	130,277	31,706	351,428	487,407	2,310,321	121,862	289,996	2,722,179
Queensland ..	85,533	86,257	16,177	187,967	240,893	1,061,291	94,940	347,332	1,503,563
South Australia ..	78,607	38,372	17,087	134,066	171,010	974,518	95,883	48,120	1,118,521
Western Australia ..	40,187	38,744	10,584	89,515	110,121	587,656	44,812	64,283	696,751
Tasmania ..	22,485	11,659	4,709	38,853	44,422	276,383	22,211	57,723	356,317
Northern Territory ..	722	2,350	193	3,265	3,223	6,045	1,666	..	7,711
Australian Capital Territory ..	2,119	1,077	298	3,494	5,350	15,921	2,652	116	18,689
Total 1948-49 ..	655,497	452,147	117,133	1,224,777	1,700,008	8,276,780	713,509	1442796	10433085
Total 1947-48 ..	593,077	414,072	100,196	1,107,345	1,601,394	7,437,294	650,294	955,798	9,043,386
Total 1938-39 ..	562,271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1,238,497	6,318,435	508,387	257,652	7,084,474

**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AT 31st MARCH, 1950.**  
(NUMBER.)

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	260,045	214,821	95,295	87,660	45,502	24,117	722	2,425	730,587
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	156,842	138,725	91,210	41,627	41,797	12,446	2,350	1,282	486,279
Motor Cycles ..	41,100	33,653	18,506	19,231	11,873	4,847	193	414	129,817
Total at 31st March, 1950	457,987	387,199	205,011	148,518	99,172	41,410	3,265	4,121	1,346,683
Total at 31st March, 1949	405,590	344,212	183,404	130,740	87,655	38,276	3,254	3,371	1,196,502
Total at 31st March, 1939	316,528	259,088	125,984	96,451	66,849	25,881	1,249	2,219	894,249

(a) At 30th June of previous year.

**REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES DURING NINE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1950.**  
(NUMBER.)

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total. (a)
Motor Cars ..	27,073	21,931	10,196	9,419	6,300	2,155	270	77,644
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	13,936	12,148	5,608	3,787	3,664	1,023	104	40,270
Motor Cycles ..	6,485	5,059	2,857	3,536	1,835	656	97	20,525
Total nine months ended 31st March, 1950 ..	47,494	39,138	18,661	16,742	12,099	3,834	471	138,439
Total nine months ended 31st March, 1949 ..	32,426	25,603	11,984	10,020	7,102	3,395	328	90,858
Total nine months ended 31st March, 1939 ..	23,163	18,248	10,189	6,373	2,628	2,268	248	63,217

(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above taxis and hire cars are included with motor cars, and particulars of primary producers' vehicles in Victoria are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c. Defence Service vehicles are excluded.

## Section IX.—Employment, Unemployment and Wages.

## TRADE UNIONS.

## Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	819	(a) 380
1944	189	141	112	112	136	72	4	15	781	(a) 370
1945	184	139	110	112	132	71	4	15	767	(a) 368
1946	183	138	110	111	130	69	4	15	760	(a) 362
1947	183	137	110	111	130	70	7	16	764	(a) 357
1948	178	136	112	115	130	77	7	16	771	(a) 318
NUMBER OF BRANCHES.										
1939	598	398	312	178	204	69	..	1	1,760	(b) 2,199
1944	591	382	307	173	208	71	..	1	1,733	(b) 2,144
1945	591	382	307	173	208	71	..	1	1,733	(b) 2,132
1946	591	382	307	173	209	70	..	1	1,733	(b) 2,131
1947	594	386	310	174	209	72	..	1	1,746	(b) 2,153
1948	621	397	302	178	206	80	..	1	1,785	(b) 2,238
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.										
1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470	915,470
1944	508,832	314,952	192,085	104,892	67,617	26,939	1,406	2,055	1,218,778	1,218,778
1945	501,845	306,649	192,087	97,829	71,512	27,114	1,406	1,953	1,200,395	1,200,395
1946	527,738	324,380	199,719	101,595	77,622	28,314	1,997	2,293	1,263,658	1,263,658
1947	555,097	337,502	218,062	109,288	80,672	33,175	2,422	3,239	1,339,457	1,339,457
1948	582,162	363,661	234,489	115,764	85,875	35,742	2,244	3,213	1,423,150	1,423,150

(a) Allowing for interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of interstate unions, but also head State branches of interstate unions.

## UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

## Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.				Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
						Number.	Percentage. (b)
1939 Year	..	..	..	396	476,918	45,967	9.7
1945	..	..	..	388	673,750	7,864	1.2
1946	..	..	..	383	672,121	9,125	1.4
1947	..	..	..	381	718,096	8,432	1.2
1948	..	..	..	380	761,104	6,533	0.9
1949	..	..	..	377	790,630	(d) 15,342	2.0
1932—June	Quarter(c)	..	..	396	413,742	124,068	30.0
1946—June	..	..	..	385	661,432	8,757	1.3
September	..	..	..	381	672,209	9,212	1.4
December	..	..	..	381	692,546	9,468	1.4
1947—March	..	..	..	381	699,155	9,880	1.4
June	..	..	..	381	713,455	9,240	1.2
September	..	..	..	381	725,286	7,970	1.1
December	..	..	..	381	734,489	6,637	0.9
1948—March	..	..	..	381	744,901	6,484	0.9
June	..	..	..	380	752,222	6,549	0.9
September	..	..	..	380	769,959	6,813	0.9
December	..	..	..	380	777,332	6,287	0.8
1949—March	..	..	..	380	785,468	5,898	0.8
June	..	..	..	380	792,428	6,337	0.8
September	..	..	..	374	776,195	(d) 43,030	(d) 5.5
December	..	..	..	375	808,428	6,103	0.8
1950—March	..	..	..	375	822,464	6,963	0.8

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include persons out of work through sickness, but exclude persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 101. (c) Peak of unemployment. (d) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the dispute in the coal-mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent approximately 55 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

## Unemployment(a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1939 Year .. .. .	11.0	10.4	5.9	9.3	7.1	8.1	9.7
1945 " .. .. .	1.5	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.2
1946 " .. .. .	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.4	1.6	2.0	1.4
1947 " .. .. .	1.3	1.2	0.7	1.0	1.2	2.3	1.2
1948 " .. .. .	1.0	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.9
1949 " .. .. .	3.2	0.7	0.9	2.3	0.9	0.6	2.0
1932—June Quarter(b) ..	33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1945—March " ..	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.1
June " ..	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.1
September " ..	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2
December " ..	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.2
1946—March " ..	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.4
June " ..	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.3
September " ..	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.5	2.3	1.4
December " ..	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.6	2.3	1.4
1947—March " ..	1.5	1.6	0.8	1.1	1.4	2.2	1.4
June " ..	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1	2.4	1.2
September " ..	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.0	1.1	2.5	1.1
December " ..	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.8	1.1	2.3	0.9
1948—March " ..	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.9
June " ..	1.0	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.9
September " ..	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.9
December " ..	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.8
1949—March " ..	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.8
June " ..	0.9	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.3	0.8
September " ..	10.2	0.9	2.7	6.5	1.3	0.7	5.5
December " ..	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
1950—March " ..	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.8

(a) See notes to table on page 75.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

## Unemployment(a)—Australia—Percentage in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1932.	1948.	1949.				1950.
	June Qtr.(b)	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
Manufacturing—							
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. ..	39.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	8.7	0.5	0.3
II. Engineering, Metal works, &c. ..	33.9	0.3	0.3	0.4	5.4	0.6	0.2
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c. ..	19.3	2.2	1.4	1.5	6.5	1.2	1.9
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c. ..	22.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	2.1	0.5	0.7
V. Books, Printing, &c. ..	16.8	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.1	0.1
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	43.0	1.3	1.6	2.0	7.2	1.7	1.6
VII. Building ..	42.1	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.7	0.9	1.0
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. ..	34.2	2.4	2.4	2.1	4.1	2.2	3.0
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services ..	29.6	1.3	1.5	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.4
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV. Other and Miscellaneous (c) ..	22.2	0.7	0.5	0.6	2.4	0.5	0.7
All Groups .. .. .	30.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	5.5	0.8	0.8

(a) See notes to table see page 83.

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(b) Peak of unemployment.

(c) For classification

## UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.<sup>(a)</sup>

(For particulars of benefits paid, see page 59.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year .. .. .	2,524	303	1,445	778	422	42	5,514
1946-47 " .. .. .	1,754	1,578	4,665	200	1,095	79	9,371
1947-48 " .. .. .	664	150	2,632	51	409	33	3,939
1948-49 " .. .. .	270	32	1,100	14	126	31	1,573
1946-47—September Quarter ..	1,504	651	3,098	257	1,311	104	6,925
December " .. .. .	1,824	2,836	3,893	216	1,371	101	10,231
March " .. .. .	2,118	1,815	7,281	208	923	59	12,404
June " .. .. .	1,570	1,012	4,397	120	773	52	7,924
1947-48—September " .. .. .	1,234	308	2,433	94	677	50	4,796
December " .. .. .	644	147	1,631	56	427	33	2,938
March " .. .. .	470	91	4,222	35	335	24	5,177
June " .. .. .	308	56	2,241	19	198	24	2,846
1948-49—September " .. .. .	281	42	712	21	183	34	1,273
December " .. .. .	314	30	632	10	113	33	1,132
March " .. .. .	255	23	1,840	9	114	28	2,269
June " .. .. .	232	33	1,215	17	94	29	1,620
SICKNESS BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year .. .. .	2,177	1,559	814	596	431	255	5,832
1946-47 " .. .. .	3,088	2,232	1,165	851	715	388	8,437
1947-48 " .. .. .	3,736	2,501	1,445	977	764	456	9,879
1948-49 " .. .. .	3,860	2,865	1,620	961	803	451	10,560
1946-47—September Quarter ..	2,727	2,003	1,041	824	663	358	7,616
December " .. .. .	3,000	2,237	1,186	830	708	402	8,363
March " .. .. .	3,106	2,238	1,182	844	735	387	8,492
June " .. .. .	3,520	2,450	1,252	907	754	394	9,277
1947-48—September " .. .. .	3,939	2,618	1,442	1,031	798	499	10,327
December " .. .. .	3,731	2,580	1,481	970	775	484	9,951
March " .. .. .	3,525	2,368	1,429	947	746	419	9,434
June " .. .. .	3,749	2,457	1,477	958	739	423	9,803
1948-49—September " .. .. .	3,942	2,743	1,531	1,019	800	467	10,502
December " .. .. .	3,737	2,716	1,611	951	763	444	10,227
March " .. .. .	3,757	2,789	1,689	928	811	423	10,402
June " .. .. .	4,006	3,212	1,650	946	832	464	11,110

(a) In addition, the average number of persons (excluding new Australians) receiving Special Benefit at the end of each week were:—1945-46, 118; 1946-47, 396; 1947-48, 621; and 1948-49, 790.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.



# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA.(a) (’000.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)	
MALES.											
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		188.6	
1941—July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	54.6	490.9	144.2	192.6	102.3	117.4	123.9	
1943—June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	45.2	520.7	91.8	195.7	71.7	89.8	100.1	
1944—June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	43.4	518.2	83.7	201.9	71.4	92.7	106.6	
1945—June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	43.6	514.5	87.9	209.2	76.4	97.1	114.0	
1946—June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	48.8	558.4	124.9	237.8	103.2	133.5	140.5	
1947—June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	51.0	593.2	155.7	256.4	116.0	151.9	155.9	
1948—June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	52.7	625.0	167.8	269.9	123.3	161.7	163.3	
1949—May(e)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	52.3	635.9	180.9	281.7	125.6	169.9	168.3	
1949—Oct.	532.3	1,265.5	1,797.8	52.5	636.2	187.1	282.3	125.0	171.8	168.3	
Nov.	536.2	1,274.8	1,811.0	53.3	639.1	189.0	283.5	127.4	174.1	169.4	
Dec.	540.9	1,275.6	1,816.5	53.0	638.0	188.5	285.3	131.2	174.5	170.2	
1950—Jan.	542.1	1,280.1	1,822.2	53.5	642.7	189.6	285.2	127.4	175.9	171.0	
Feb.	545.5	1,289.4	1,834.9	54.0	647.6	193.1	287.4	127.0	177.3	171.5	
Mar.	544.4	1,294.9	1,839.3	53.9	651.7	195.0	284.0	126.9	177.6	172.7	
FEMALES.											
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0	
1941—July	70.8	485.4	556.2	0.5	187.8	1.9	21.1	102.4	44.3	154.9	
1943—June	135.9	504.8	640.7	0.6	228.6	2.4	34.6	98.5	52.6	165.3	
1944—June	134.0	497.5	631.5	0.5	217.4	2.4	36.3	94.1	52.1	170.7	
1945—June	124.8	494.6	619.4	0.4	206.3	2.2	37.0	96.4	52.6	175.7	
1946—June	94.0	502.0	596.0	0.5	192.1	2.4	32.4	99.7	50.8	183.3	
1947—June	92.1	527.5	619.6	0.5	199.9	2.6	32.4	104.0	53.0	193.3	
1948—June	94.9	549.1	644.0	0.6	208.0	2.9	35.0	109.3	56.9	200.3	
1949—May(e)	99.2	564.9	664.1	0.7	215.6	3.1	37.0	111.1	59.8	205.6	
1949—Oct.	103.6	568.1	671.7	0.7	217.5	3.2	38.1	110.7	61.8	207.6	
Nov.	104.1	573.3	677.4	0.7	219.6	3.2	38.1	113.4	62.1	208.2	
Dec.	104.6	576.8	681.4	0.7	218.1	3.2	38.1	118.1	62.2	208.7	
1950—Jan.	104.1	570.1	674.2	0.7	217.5	3.2	37.9	111.2	63.1	208.2	
Feb.	105.4	575.2	680.6	0.7	221.7	3.2	38.1	110.8	64.0	209.8	
Mar.	106.3	581.4	687.7	0.7	224.3	3.2	38.0	112.3	64.7	212.0	
PERSONS.											
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6	
1941—July	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	55.1	678.7	146.1	213.7	204.7	161.7	278.8	
1943—June	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	45.8	749.3	94.2	230.3	170.2	141.9	265.4	
1944—June	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	43.9	735.6	86.1	238.2	165.5	144.8	277.3	
1945—June	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	44.0	720.8	90.1	246.2	172.8	149.7	289.7	
1946—June	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	49.3	750.5	127.3	270.2	202.9	184.3	323.8	
1947—June	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	51.5	793.1	158.3	288.8	220.0	204.9	349.2	
1948—June	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	53.3	833.0	170.7	304.9	232.6	218.6	363.6	
1949—May(e)	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	53.0	851.5	184.0	318.7	236.7	229.7	373.9	
1949—Oct.	635.9	1,833.6	2,469.5	53.2	853.7	190.3	320.4	235.7	233.6	375.9	
Nov.	640.3	1,848.1	2,488.4	54.0	858.7	192.2	321.6	240.8	236.2	377.6	
Dec.	645.5	1,852.4	2,497.9	53.7	856.1	191.7	323.4	249.3	236.7	378.9	
1950—Jan.	646.2	1,850.2	2,496.4	54.2	860.2	192.8	323.1	238.6	239.0	379.2	
Feb.	650.9	1,864.6	2,515.5	54.7	869.3	196.3	325.5	237.8	241.3	381.3	
Mar.	650.7	1,876.3	2,527.0	54.6	876.0	198.2	322.0	239.2	242.3	384.7	

(a) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948) subject to revision.

(b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth State and Local) and of Allied Governments.

(c) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

(e) Figures for June, 1949, showed some of the effect of the Australia-wide black coal strike which commenced on 27th June and ended 15th August, 1949, and figures for May have therefore been substituted for purposes of annual comparison.

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)

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Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1941—July ..	547.7	403.4	166.3	118.4	82.4	38.6	3.5	3.1	1,363.4
1943—June ..	525.1	355.2	167.3	110.6	70.4	36.9	5.5	2.2	1,273.2
1944—June ..	524.1	352.1	169.0	110.3	71.7	37.9	7.7	2.8	1,275.6
1945—June ..	536.0	359.2	169.0	109.4	75.9	39.5	4.1	3.2	1,296.3
1946—June ..	618.5	417.9	192.4	129.6	93.9	46.9	2.8	4.5	1,506.5
1947—June ..	671.8	452.6	230.2	140.9	103.9	51.1	3.4	5.5	1,649.4
1948—June ..	702.3	473.3	232.6	149.0	109.2	54.5	4.0	6.0	1,730.9
1949—May ..	721.4	489.3	239.8	155.0	112.8	57.4	4.2	7.2	1,787.1
1949—July ..	636.6	487.6	233.2	151.2	111.2	56.6	4.4	7.1	1,687.9
August ..	701.2	489.1	239.7	153.3	113.0	56.4	4.5	7.3	1,764.5
September ..	715.9	492.2	242.9	156.5	113.9	57.0	4.6	7.2	1,790.2
October ..	720.2	493.8	242.9	157.3	114.6	57.2	4.5	7.3	1,797.8
November ..	725.2	497.6	244.2	158.5	116.1	57.6	4.5	7.3	1,811.0
December ..	726.9	500.5	242.0	159.8	117.5	58.0	4.5	7.3	1,816.5
1950—January ..	729.6	502.0	242.0	161.0	117.8	57.7	4.5	7.6	1,822.2
February ..	735.1	504.6	245.5	161.4	118.1	58.2	4.5	7.5	1,834.9
March ..	736.7	504.2	245.8	162.9	119.0	58.7	4.4	7.6	1,839.3
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1941—July ..	218.3	186.0	60.5	43.3	31.2	15.2	0.4	1.3	556.2
1943—June ..	254.4	205.4	74.1	52.9	35.5	16.7	0.2	1.5	640.7
1944—June ..	250.9	198.3	77.4	50.3	35.9	16.8	0.2	1.7	631.5
1945—June ..	247.9	193.2	75.1	49.0	35.6	16.6	0.3	1.7	619.4
1946—June ..	242.3	183.7	71.2	45.8	34.4	16.6	0.4	1.6	596.0
1947—June ..	252.1	190.5	74.5	48.0	35.6	16.9	0.4	1.6	619.6
1948—June ..	261.9	196.7	77.9	50.1	37.0	18.0	0.6	1.8	644.0
1949—May ..	269.9	202.5	80.1	52.2	37.8	18.8	0.7	2.1	664.1
1949—July ..	244.0	202.1	76.9	51.3	38.0	18.3	0.7	2.0	633.3
August ..	266.0	202.2	80.2	51.5	38.1	18.1	0.7	2.1	658.9
September ..	270.0	202.9	80.6	52.7	38.4	18.3	0.7	2.1	665.7
October ..	273.2	204.7	81.1	52.9	38.7	18.3	0.7	2.1	671.7
November ..	275.8	206.8	81.1	53.4	39.1	18.4	0.7	2.1	677.4
December ..	278.3	206.4	81.8	53.7	39.7	18.7	0.7	2.1	681.4
1950—January ..	273.2	205.4	81.4	54.0	38.8	18.6	0.7	2.1	674.2
February ..	276.1	207.5	82.3	54.1	39.1	18.7	0.7	2.1	680.6
March ..	278.8	210.1	82.8	54.3	39.7	19.1	0.7	2.2	687.7
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1941—July ..	766.0	589.4	226.8	161.7	113.6	53.8	3.9	4.4	1,919.6
1943—June ..	779.5	560.6	241.4	163.5	105.9	53.6	5.7	3.7	1,913.9
1944—June ..	775.0	550.4	246.4	160.6	107.6	54.7	7.9	4.5	1,907.1
1945—June ..	783.9	552.4	244.1	158.4	111.5	56.1	4.4	4.9	1,915.7
1946—June ..	860.8	601.6	263.6	175.4	128.3	63.5	3.2	6.1	2,102.5
1947—June ..	923.9	643.1	294.7	188.9	139.5	68.0	3.8	7.1	2,269.0
1948—June ..	964.2	670.0	310.5	199.1	146.2	72.5	4.6	7.8	2,374.9
1949—May ..	991.3	691.8	319.9	207.2	150.6	76.2	4.9	9.3	2,451.2
1949—July ..	880.6	689.7	310.1	202.5	149.2	74.9	5.1	9.1	2,321.2
August ..	967.2	691.3	319.9	204.8	151.1	74.5	5.2	9.4	2,423.4
September ..	985.9	695.1	323.5	209.2	152.3	75.3	5.3	9.3	2,455.9
October ..	993.4	698.5	324.0	210.2	153.3	75.5	5.2	9.4	2,469.5
November ..	1,001.0	704.4	325.3	211.9	155.2	76.0	5.2	9.4	2,488.4
December ..	1,005.2	706.9	323.8	213.5	157.2	76.7	5.2	9.4	2,497.9
1950—January ..	1,002.8	707.4	323.4	215.0	156.6	76.3	5.2	9.7	2,496.4
February ..	1,011.2	712.1	327.8	215.5	157.2	76.9	5.2	9.6	2,515.5
March ..	1,015.5	714.3	328.6	217.2	158.7	77.8	5.1	9.8	2,527.0

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces. See also footnotes on page 78.

## EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic-toria.	Queens-land.	South Aus-tralia.	Western Aus-tralia.	Tas-mania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Fe-males.	Per-sons.	Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Unad-justed.	Ad-justed. (a)
1938-39(b) ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1941-42(b) ..	289.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	504.7	198.1	c702.8	1,337	1,286
1942-43(b) ..	306.4	255.6	62.2	71.6	25.1	18.0	517.7	221.1	c738.8	1,405	1,389
1943-44(b) ..	313.8	253.9	62.5	67.9	27.2	19.2	519.4	225.1	c744.6	1,416	1,388
1944-45(b) ..	304.8	249.6	61.8	64.0	28.1	18.9	515.5	211.7	c727.2	1,383	1,293
1945-46(b) ..	300.9	245.9	63.0	60.9	29.1	18.4	524.9	193.3	718.2	1,366	1,264
1946-47(b) ..	331.3	256.1	68.6	68.2	32.2	19.2	578.2	197.4	775.6	1,475	1,347
1947-48(b) ..	349.8	268.1	73.0	71.1	34.0	20.3	611.5	204.8	816.3	1,553	1,397
1948-49(b)(d) ..	358.8	274.9	76.8	73.4	35.2	21.2	628.0	212.3	840.3	1,598	1,408
1948-49(d)—											
April ..	361.6	277.3	77.1	74.4	35.8	22.0	633.0	215.2	848.2	1,613	1,409
May ..	363.0	277.9	78.5	74.3	35.7	22.1	635.9	215.6	851.5	1,620	1,411
June ..	346.1	277.2	78.9	74.0	35.6	21.8	623.3	210.3	833.6	1,586	1,377
1949-50(d)—											
July ..	284.2	276.1	72.9	69.1	34.6	21.4	567.0	191.3	758.3	1,442	1,248
August ..	348.0	276.4	79.8	71.2	35.7	21.2	622.1	210.2	832.3	1,583	1,367
September ..	357.3	277.2	80.7	73.5	36.1	21.2	631.2	214.8	846.0	1,609	1,386
October ..	362.6	278.7	80.6	74.4	36.1	21.3	636.2	217.5	853.7	1,624	1,395
November ..	364.6	280.8	80.6	74.9	36.3	21.5	639.1	219.6	858.7	1,633	1,399
December ..	363.0	280.3	78.3	76.0	36.5	22.0	638.0	218.1	856.1	1,628	1,391
January ..	365.5	281.0	78.1	77.0	36.8	21.8	642.7	217.5	860.2	1,636	1,395
February ..	370.1	283.1	80.1	77.2	37.0	21.8	647.6	221.7	869.3	1,653	1,406
March ..	371.6	286.3	80.2	78.1	37.4	22.4	651.7	224.3	876.0	1,666	1,413

(a) Divided by Index of Total Population.

Government munitions and aircraft establishments and naval dockyards—1941-42, 79.8; 1942-43, 121.8; 1943-44, 116.0; and 1944-45, 89.1.

(b) Average of monthly figures.

(c) Includes

(d) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

## RETAIL STORES—EMPLOYMENT INDEX.

Compiled from numbers of employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on pay-roll tax returns of employers whose principal activity is retail trade and who pay wages in excess of £1,040 per annum.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).
MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000).							
1947—June ..	1,119	1,119	1,143	1,231	1,246	1,173	1,142
1948—June ..	1,247	1,242	1,272	1,334	1,411	1,261	1,269
1949—June ..	1,308	1,299	1,306	1,401	1,500	1,270	1,326
October ..	1,291	1,304	1,293	1,423	1,524	1,287	1,323
November ..	1,327	1,321	1,328	1,444	1,538	1,313	1,351
December ..	1,389	1,345	1,365	1,455	1,610	1,333	1,394
1950—January ..	1,324	1,318	1,351	1,448	1,552	1,320	1,353
February ..	1,325	1,296	1,327	1,444	1,554	1,328	1,344
March ..	1,327	1,303	1,320	1,443	1,560	1,323	1,346
FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000).							
1947—June ..	1,038	989	1,118	1,134	1,071	1,123	1,047
1948—June ..	1,139	1,063	1,215	1,201	1,157	1,210	1,136
1949—June ..	1,163	1,113	1,275	1,212	1,239	1,260	1,175
October ..	1,164	1,122	1,293	1,208	1,243	1,286	1,181
November ..	1,196	1,150	1,326	1,231	1,281	1,318	1,212
December ..	1,291	1,164	1,370	1,236	1,346	1,367	1,266
1950—January ..	1,164	1,128	1,321	1,232	1,284	1,320	1,191
February ..	1,157	1,093	1,325	1,240	1,238	1,316	1,176
March ..	1,191	1,100	1,334	1,234	1,287	1,279	1,195
PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000).							
1947—June ..	1,078	1,053	1,132	1,181	1,153	1,148	1,089
1948—June ..	1,193	1,151	1,246	1,265	1,277	1,236	1,196
1949—June ..	1,235	1,204	1,292	1,303	1,362	1,265	1,244
October ..	1,227	1,212	1,293	1,311	1,375	1,286	1,246
November ..	1,261	1,235	1,327	1,333	1,402	1,315	1,275
December ..	1,340	1,253	1,367	1,342	1,470	1,350	1,323
1950—January ..	1,243	1,221	1,337	1,336	1,410	1,320	1,266
February ..	1,240	1,192	1,326	1,338	1,387	1,322	1,253
March ..	1,258	1,200	1,326	1,335	1,415	1,301	1,264

# INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.—NUMBER AND MAGNITUDE OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK).

Period.	Num- ber.	Estab- lish- ments In- volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti- mated Loss in Wages. £
			Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly. (a)	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.									
Year—1949(b) ..	739	3,428	197,367	3,526	200,893	971,629	33,656	1,005,285	1,981,769
1948—Dec. Qtr.	146	306	37,407	2,177	39,584	208,061	..	208,061	408,396
1949—March ..	281	307	56,980	2,255	59,235	182,054	26,056	208,110	390,295
June ..	209	777	84,994	878	85,872	155,267	68,600	223,867	447,236
Sept. ..	86	226	25,749	134	25,883	37,958	482,603	520,561	1,041,559
Dec. ..	163	2,118	29,644	259	29,903	52,747	..	52,747	102,679
VICTORIA.									
Year—1949 ..	20	193	22,018	..	22,018	60,112	..	60,112	115,883
1948—Dec. Qtr.	7	45	30,651	..	30,651	97,335	..	97,335	154,430
1949—March ..	6	121	10,387	..	10,387	20,987	..	20,987	38,671
June ..	10	26	6,086	..	6,086	14,462	..	14,462	27,519
Sept. ..	1	38	4,502	..	4,502	4,502	18,000	22,502	45,451
Dec. ..	3	8	1,043	..	1,043	2,161	..	2,161	4,242
QUEENSLAND.									
Year—1949 ..	38	234	26,184	87	26,271	183,333	..	183,333	351,985
1948—Dec. Qtr.	4	15	900	..	900	10,100	..	10,100	15,370
1949—March ..	10	14	6,121	..	6,121	22,488	..	22,488	31,194
June ..	9	145	9,891	..	9,891	22,370	..	22,370	44,560
Sept. ..	15	61	8,990	87	9,077	13,134	123,880	137,014	273,309
Dec. ..	4	14	1,182	..	1,182	1,461	..	1,461	2,922
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1949 ..	18	45	5,845	147	5,992	28,318	..	28,318	51,541
1948—Dec. Qtr.	3	3	808	70	878	8,922	..	8,922	13,075
1949—March ..	3	3	878	..	878	13,530	..	13,530	20,390
June ..	4	10	1,049	147	1,196	10,885	..	10,885	23,402
Sept. ..	5	16	2,987	..	2,987	2,274	..	2,274	4,548
Dec. ..	6	16	931	..	931	1,629	..	1,629	3,201
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1949 ..	16	33	5,564	97	5,661	26,287	..	26,287	52,421
1948—Dec. Qtr.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1949—March ..	11	18	2,533	59	2,592	7,878	..	7,878	15,501
June ..	3	5	1,857	38	1,895	4,708	2,066	6,774	13,548
Sept. ..	2	10	1,174	..	1,174	1,537	10,098	11,635	23,372
Dec. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TASMANIA.									
Year—1949 ..	15	48	3,503	..	3,503	29,316	..	29,316	55,319
1948—Dec. Qtr.	1	1	208	..	208	832	..	832	1,248
1949—March ..	3	3	576	..	576	727	..	727	1,422
June ..	9	37	2,198	..	2,198	23,163	..	23,163	42,878
Sept. ..	1	1	478	..	478	80	5,220	5,300	10,768
Dec. ..	2	7	251	..	251	126	..	126	251
AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1949(b)(c)	849	3,984	260,720	3,857	264,577	1,300,334	33,656	1,333,990	2,611,536
1948—Dec. Qtr. (d)	162	371	69,981	2,247	72,228	325,383	..	325,383	592,719
1949—March ..	314	466	77,475	2,314	79,789	247,664	26,056	273,720	497,473
June .. (e)	246	1,002	106,275	1,063	107,338	232,116	70,666	302,782	601,665
Sept. .. (f)	111	353	43,919	221	44,140	59,563	639,801	699,364	1,399,103
Dec. ..	178	2,163	33,051	259	33,310	58,124	..	58,124	113,295

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Includes those disputes uncompleted at the end of 1948—establishments involved, 3; workpeople, 619. (c) Includes two disputes in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 200; working days lost, 1,261; estimated loss in wages, £2,522, and one dispute in the Australian Capital Territory—workpeople involved, 39; working days lost, 78; estimated loss in wages, £96. (d) Includes one dispute in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 7; working days lost, 133; estimated loss in wages, £200. (e) Includes two disputes in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 200; working days lost, 1,261; estimated loss in wages, £2,522. (f) Includes one dispute in the Australian Capital Territory—workpeople involved, 39; working days lost, 78; estimated wages lost, £96.



## AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

Wages which are recorded on Pay-roll Tax Returns represent approximately 80 per cent. of the total for Australia; the balance has been estimated. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included.

Period.	New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia and Northern Territory.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID. (£'000.)							
Year—							
1941-42 ..	4,204	2,991	1,275	881	599	270	10,220
1942-43 ..	4,617	3,198	1,498	951	582	283	11,129
1943-44 ..	4,757	3,254	1,624	966	607	304	11,511
1944-45 ..	4,721	3,194	1,553	935	626	312	11,341
1945-46 ..	4,980	3,390	1,566	949	692	345	11,922
1946-47 ..	5,851	3,970	1,773	1,152	890	410	13,986
1947-48 ..	6,970	4,717	2,065	1,364	955	491	16,562
1948-49 ..	8,105	5,536	2,497	1,646	1,127	576	19,487
1945-46—							
March Qtr.	4,817	3,290	1,474	920	687	339	11,527
June "	5,384	3,686	1,613	1,036	756	375	12,850
1946-47—							
September "	5,495	3,756	1,692	1,082	789	385	13,199
December "	5,949	4,018	1,816	1,153	832	411	14,179
March "	5,713	3,847	1,687	1,148	811	396	13,602
June "	6,246	4,261	1,896	1,223	890	449	14,965
1947-48—							
September "	6,480	4,399	2,004	1,269	902	447	15,501
December "	7,229	4,817	2,147	1,365	970	492	17,020
March "	6,753	4,543	1,863	1,350	936	486	15,931
June "	7,419	5,109	2,245	1,472	1,011	540	17,796
1948-49—							
September "	7,759	5,303	2,426	1,580	1,081	537	18,686
December "	8,436	5,646	2,614	1,664	1,166	582	20,108
March "	7,730	5,307	2,345	1,600	1,073	569	18,624
June "	8,493	5,882	2,605	1,738	1,188	616	20,522
1949-50—							
September "	7,982	5,911	2,674	1,742	1,224	617	20,150
December "	9,394	6,501	2,900	1,904	1,335	667	22,701
March "	8,864	6,147	2,736	1,868	1,326	661	21,602

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT.(a)  
(£.)

Year—							
1941-42 ..	5.78	5.72	5.26	5.25	5.43	4.80	5.59
1942-43 ..	6.59	6.56	6.23	6.02	5.93	5.39	6.42
1943-44 ..	6.87	6.83	6.60	6.26	6.28	5.84	6.70
1944-45 ..	6.74	6.71	6.37	6.12	6.27	5.76	6.57
1945-46 ..	6.68	6.72	6.04	5.98	6.15	5.76	6.48
1946-47 ..	6.93	7.00	6.10	6.29	6.30	6.04	6.71
1947-48 ..	7.85	7.93	6.67	7.10	6.98	6.81	7.55
1948-49 ..	8.87	9.02	7.74	8.18	7.93	7.63	8.57
1945-46—							
March Qtr.	6.35	6.41	5.63	5.74	5.91	5.53	6.16
June "	6.76	6.84	5.98	6.04	6.14	5.82	6.54
1946-47—							
September "	6.69	6.75	5.99	6.05	6.22	5.81	6.49
December "	7.09	7.15	6.31	6.36	6.36	6.12	6.86
March "	6.72	6.75	5.79	6.21	6.06	5.79	6.48
June "	7.23	7.34	6.31	6.53	6.56	6.43	7.00
1947-48—							
September "	7.40	7.52	6.46	6.71	6.70	6.35	7.16
December "	8.15	8.14	6.88	7.15	7.12	6.89	7.77
March "	7.58	7.60	6.20	7.01	6.83	6.67	7.27
June "	8.25	8.46	7.09	7.51	7.25	7.28	7.98
1948-49—							
September "	8.58	8.76	7.55	7.98	7.72	7.26	8.33
December "	9.24	9.24	8.13	8.31	8.21	7.78	8.89
March "	8.41	8.60	7.33	7.91	7.54	7.47	8.18
June "	9.24	9.46	7.97	8.50	8.24	8.01	8.95
1949-50—							
September "	9.01	9.49	8.16	8.56	8.39	8.08	8.91
December "	10.06	10.28	8.71	9.12	9.02	8.61	9.73
March "	9.40	9.60	8.21	8.80	8.34	8.46	9.16

(a) Total civil employment expressed in male units is derived by adding to total male employment 45 per cent. of total female employment.

NOTE.—An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

**WAGES.—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES  
PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st MARCH, 1950.(a)**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	173/9	170/11	161/11	164/3	169/5	164/9	169/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/4½	4/3½	4/0½	4/1½	4/2½	4/1½	4/2½
II. Engineering, Works, &c.	Metal { Weekly Wage	171/0	168/10	166/2	164/7	175/2	171/8	169/4
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/3½	4/2½	4/1½	4/1½	4/4½	4/3½	4/2½
III. Food, Drink, &c.	.. { Weekly Wage	169/5	177/7	162/5	166/2	167/2	169/8	170/0
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/2½	4/5½	4/0½	4/1½	4/2½	4/3	4/3
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	.. { Weekly Wage	162/7	165/5	170/6	170/6	172/6	160/6	165/4
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/0½	4/1½	4/3½	4/3½	4/3½	4/0½	4/1½
V. Books, Printing, &c.	.. { Weekly Wage	208/6	193/6	185/3	184/10	205/6	189/7	198/1
	Working Hours	40.00	39.51	40.00	40.00	37.69	40.00	39.72
	Hourly Wage	5/2½	4/10½	4/7½	4/7½	5/5½	4/9	4/11½
VI. Other Manufacturing	.. { Weekly Wage	170/6	169/9	161/2	171/10	171/10	170/3	169/8
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/3½	4/3	4/0½	4/3½	4/3½	4/3	4/3
VII. Building	.. { Weekly Wage	188/8	188/7	183/9	178/3	181/9	179/9	186/4
	Working Hours	39.94	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	4/8½	4/8½	4/7½	4/5½	4/6½	4/6	4/8
VIII. Mining (d)	.. { Weekly Wage	178/3	177/3	173/1	161/5	c202/4	174/3	180/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	38.26	40.00	39.74
	Hourly Wage	4/5½	4/5½	4/4	4/0½	5/3½	4/4½	4/6½
IX. Rail and Tram Services	.. { Weekly Wage	173/1	172/11	165/3	162/0	171/2	168/2	170/7
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/4	4/4	4/1½	4/0½	4/3½	4/2½	4/3½
X. Other Land Transport	.. { Weekly Wage	166/11	163/0	156/1	159/8	163/1	163/4	163/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/2	4/1	3/10½	4/0	4/1	4/1	4/1
XI. Shipping, &c.	..	Weekly Wage ef	194/6	198/3	200/3	195/6	196/10	196/5
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	..	Weekly Wage fg	177/6	173/0	185/2	171/11	175/1	167/10
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	.. { Weekly Wage(g)	164/8	158/6	149/2	148/3	150/0	150/1	157/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage(g)	4/1½	3/11½	3/8½	3/8½	3/9	3/9	3/11½
XIV. Miscellaneous	.. { Weekly Wage	168/8	167/11	155/0	163/7	159/0	158/5	165/3
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/2½	4/2½	3/10½	4/1	3/11½	3/11½	4/1½
All Groups (b)	..	Weekly Wage	174/9	172/9	170/3	168/8	176/1	167/11
All Groups except XI. and XII. (b)	.. { Weekly Wage	173/1	171/11	163/5	165/9	175/2	166/7	170/10
	Working Hours	39.99	39.99	40.00	40.00	39.54	40.00	39.96
	Hourly Wage	4/4	4/3½	4/1	4/1½	4/5½	4/2	4/3½

(a) The figures of nominal wage and hours of labour are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms. (b) Weighted average. (c) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry. (d) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (e) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied. (f) Definite particulars for the computation of average working hours and hourly rates of wages are not available. (g) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

**WAGES.—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st MARCH, 1950.(a)**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	102/1	114/4	98/10	106/5	107/4	117/9	108/0
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8½	2/10½	2/5½	2/8	2/8½	2/11½	2/8½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	109/7	109/6	111/5	111/5	112/5	110/4	110/0
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8½	2/8½	2/9½	2/9½	2/9½	2/9	2/9
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	112/10	119/5	98/6	110/2	..	118/3	115/0
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/11½	2/5½	2/9	..	2/11½	2/10½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c. ..	Weekly Wage(c)	96/5	104/4	100/3	94/10	99/9	97/0	99/5
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage(c)	2/5	2/7½	2/6	2/4½	2/6	2/5	2/5½
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c... ..	Weekly Wage	120/3	132/6	121/0	89/8	..	..	121/7
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	..	40.00
	Hourly Wage	3/0	3/3½	3/0½	2/3	..	..	3/0½
All Groups (b) ..	Weekly Wage	109/5	114/3	109/8	102/4	106/2	107/5	110/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8½	2/10½	2/9	2/6½	2/7½	2/8½	2/9½

(a) See note (a) on previous page.  
of board and lodging where supplied.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Includes the estimated value

**WAGES.—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX-NUMBERS, 1914 to 31st MARCH, 1950.(a)**

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December 1914 ..	s. d. 56 2	s. d. 54 7	s. d. 53 5	s. d. 54 5	s. d. 62 10	s. d. 52 8	s. d. 55 7
" " 1939 ..	96 7	93 6	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
" " 1944 ..	121 4	119 6	118 0	113 7	121 10	116 6	119 6
" " 1945 ..	121 10	120 4	119 10	114 5	122 9	116 11	120 4
" " 1946 ..	130 11	128 11	128 0	121 4	125 7	125 2	128 6
" " 1947 ..	141 3	130 10	134 9	133 10	137 8	133 0	137 11
" " 1948 ..	159 9	155 5	151 4	153 7	156 6	153 2	156 4
" " 1949 ..	171 11	168 10	167 10	165 3	171 10	165 4	169 8
31st March, 1950 ..	174 9	172 9	170 3	168 8	176 1	167 11	172 10

**ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3d. (b) IN 1911 = 1,000.)**

31st December, 1914 ..	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1939 ..	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1944 ..	2,367	2,332	2,303	2,216	2,377	2,273	2,332
" " 1945 ..	2,377	2,347	2,339	2,233	2,395	2,282	2,348
" " 1946 ..	2,554	2,515	2,498	2,368	2,450	2,442	2,507
" " 1947 ..	2,757	2,670	2,630	2,612	2,686	2,595	2,690
" " 1948 ..	3,117	3,032	2,953	2,997	3,054	2,988	3,050
" " 1949 ..	3,355	3,296	3,275	3,225	3,353	3,227	3,310
31st March, 1950 ..	3,410	3,371	3,322	3,290	3,436	3,276	3,373

**ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.**

31st December, 1914 ..	s. d. 26 10	s. d. 27 0	s. d. 27 1	s. d. 24 1	s. d. 37 4	s. d. 25 10	s. d. 27 5
" " 1939 ..	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
" " 1944 ..	71 3	73 11	74 1	65 4	65 10	68 6	71 11
" " 1945 ..	72 7	75 7	74 10	67 2	67 6	71 3	73 5
" " 1946 ..	80 4	82 6	82 4	76 0	73 10	77 8	80 9
" " 1947 ..	84 3	88 6	85 10	80 10	80 1	81 11	85 8
" " 1948 ..	100 0	103 1	98 4	95 1	93 5	96 8	100 4
" " 1949 ..	108 1	112 4	108 5	101 0	105 5	106 4	109 1
31st March, 1950 ..	109 5	114 3	109 8	102 4	106 2	107 5	110 9

**ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (b) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)**

31st December, 1914 ..	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1939 ..	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
" " 1944 ..	2,622	2,722	2,726	2,406	2,422	2,520	2,647
" " 1945 ..	2,671	2,782	2,754	2,471	2,484	2,621	2,701
" " 1946 ..	2,956	3,035	3,031	2,797	2,718	2,860	2,972
" " 1947 ..	3,102	3,256	3,160	2,976	2,947	3,014	3,152
" " 1948 ..	3,681	3,795	3,618	3,499	3,438	3,559	3,694
" " 1949 ..	3,979	4,134	3,990	3,716	3,880	3,915	4,015
31st March, 1950 ..	4,028	4,205	4,038	3,767	3,906	3,955	4,072

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average for Australia.

## STATE BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
New South Wales ..	(a) 6 18 0	(a) 3 14 6	1.5.50	(b)
Victoria(c) ..	(6 17 0)	(3 14 0)	1.5.50	(c)
Queensland ..	(d) 6 13 0	(d) 4 3 6	1.5.50	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	6 11 0	3 11 5	1.5.50	" " " " " "
Western Australia..	(e) 7 0 0	(e) 3 15 7	1.5.50	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania(c) ..	(6 11 0)	(3 10 6)	1.2.50	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong. Broken Hill—Males, £7 6s.; Females, £3 19s. Elsewhere—Males, £6 15s.; Females, £3 13s. (b) Commonwealth basic wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates (Capital city) shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) Southern Division (Eastern District—including Brisbane). Allowances added for other Areas:—Males—Southern Division (Western District), 7s. 4d.; Mackay Division, 5s. 6d.; Northern Division (Eastern District), 10s.; Northern Division (Western District), 17s. 4d.; Females—half of these allowances. (e) Metropolitan area. Basic wage from 1.5.50 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State excluding the S.W. Land Division—Males, £7 7s. 3d.; Females, £3 19s. 6d.; and for S.W. Land Division (excluding Metropolitan Area)—Males, £6 19s. 9d.; Females, £3 15s. 6d.

## BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FOR ADULT MALES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION FOR EACH CAPITAL CITY.(a)

Capital.	1st September, 1939.	1st May, 1949.	1st August, 1949.	1st November, 1949.	1st February, 1950.	1st May, 1950.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney ..	81 0	127 0	130 0	132 0	135 0	138 0
Melbourne ..	81 0	125 0	128 0	130 0	134 0	137 0
Brisbane ..	76 0	119 0	122 0	125 0	127 0	129 0
Adelaide ..	78 0	121 0	124 0	126 0	129 0	131 0
Perth ..	77 0	120 0	126 0	129 0	131 0	133 0
Hobart ..	77 0	124 0	127 0	128 0	131 0	131 0
Six Capitals ..	79 0	124 0	127 0	129 0	133 0	135 0

NOTE.—Female rates vary from 54 per cent. to 75 per cent. of male rate.

(a) Rates include increase in "needs" wage granted by Court on 13th December, 1946, and "prosperity loadings". No defined family unit.



## Section X.—Prices.

Note.—The retail price index-numbers on this and the next four pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the All Items ("C" Series) Index published on page 89.

## RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.—CAPITAL CITIES.(a)

("B" Series.)

(Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1938.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1949.				1950.
							March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	

## GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney .. ..	904	1,035	1,039	1,110	1,258	1,388	1,350	1,384	1,395	1,421	1,459
Melbourne .. ..	884	1,057	1,052	1,110	1,274	1,418	1,394	1,414	1,414	1,451	1,516
Brisbane .. ..	838	966	981	1,055	1,208	1,332	1,304	1,329	1,329	1,367	1,402
Adelaide .. ..	861	1,002	1,006	1,067	1,230	1,351	1,333	1,323	1,349	1,398	1,428
Perth .. ..	899	1,060	1,059	1,104	1,251	1,437	1,358	1,436	1,464	1,488	1,514
Hobart .. ..	880	1,043	1,069	1,132	1,316	1,495	1,485	1,498	1,481	1,514	1,498
Six Capitals (b) ..	886	1,034	1,036	1,100	1,256	1,394	1,361	1,388	1,396	1,429	1,473

## GROUP II.—HOUSING (c)—4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.

Sydney .. ..	1,004	1,043	1,043	1,044	1,047	1,049	1,048	1,048	1,049	1,049	1,049
Melbourne .. ..	935	973	973	974	974	976	974	975	977	977	978
Brisbane .. ..	841	863	863	864	866	869	866	867	869	873	873
Adelaide .. ..	868	892	894	897	903	912	910	911	913	914	921
Perth .. ..	872	886	886	887	889	895	893	895	896	897	898
Hobart .. ..	913	933	936	936	937	940	939	939	939	941	941
Six Capitals (b) ..	942	975	976	977	979	982	981	981	982	983	984

## GROUPS I.—II.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES) ("B" Series).

Sydney .. ..	941	1,036	1,038	1,082	1,173	1,252	1,229	1,256	1,257	1,273	1,295
Melbourne .. ..	902	1,022	1,019	1,054	1,154	1,243	1,227	1,240	1,240	1,263	1,303
Brisbane .. ..	838	924	932	978	1,072	1,149	1,130	1,146	1,147	1,171	1,193
Adelaide .. ..	862	957	960	998	1,100	1,177	1,165	1,160	1,176	1,206	1,227
Perth .. ..	887	990	989	1,017	1,107	1,222	1,173	1,221	1,239	1,254	1,270
Hobart .. ..	891	998	1,014	1,053	1,165	1,275	1,269	1,277	1,266	1,287	1,277
Six Capitals (b) ..	906	1,009	1,010	1,050	1,145	1,230	1,209	1,226	1,232	1,252	1,279

(a) See note (a) on page 89.

(b) Weighted Average.

(c) See note (b) on page 90.

**RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING  
(4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES). ("B" SERIES.)<sup>(a)</sup>**

*(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)*

State and Town.	1938.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1949.				1950.
							Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney .. ..	941	1,036	1,038	1,082	1,173	1,252	1,229	1,250	1,257	1,273	1,295
Newcastle .. ..	898	989	990	1,035	1,129	1,205	1,189	1,202	1,206	1,224	1,246
Broken Hill .. ..	948	1,073	1,073	1,110	1,206	1,333	1,289	1,314	1,353	1,375	1,391
Goulburn .. ..	908	997	996	1,030	1,130	1,225	1,212	1,223	1,222	1,244	1,265
Bathurst .. ..	867	958	966	1,006	1,102	1,190	1,177	1,181	1,188	1,213	1,238
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	937	1,032	1,034	1,078	1,169	1,249	1,226	1,247	1,254	1,270	1,293
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne .. ..	902	1,022	1,019	1,054	1,154	1,243	1,227	1,240	1,240	1,263	1,303
Ballarat .. ..	808	912	917	950	1,052	1,141	1,126	1,139	1,138	1,160	1,214
Bendigo .. ..	817	926	928	952	1,048	1,140	1,121	1,137	1,138	1,165	1,215
Geelong .. ..	872	957	961	1,012	1,116	1,204	1,187	1,200	1,200	1,230	1,271
Warrnambool .. ..	898	1,008	1,020	1,042	1,134	1,212	1,200	1,211	1,209	1,227	1,277
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	895	1,013	1,011	1,046	1,146	1,235	1,219	1,232	1,232	1,255	1,296
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane .. ..	838	924	932	978	1,072	1,149	1,130	1,146	1,147	1,171	1,193
Toowoomba .. ..	806	949	955	1,001	1,087	1,170	1,153	1,169	1,169	1,188	1,212
Rockhampton .. ..	825	917	919	971	1,063	1,145	1,129	1,145	1,143	1,161	1,196
Townsville .. ..	900	979	989	1,036	1,125	1,214	1,205	1,213	1,211	1,228	1,249
Bundaberg .. ..	781	886	897	942	1,030	1,110	1,098	1,113	1,110	1,117	1,144
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	837	928	936	982	1,074	1,153	1,136	1,151	1,151	1,173	1,197
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide .. ..	862	957	960	998	1,100	1,177	1,165	1,160	1,176	1,206	1,227
Kadina, &c. .. ..	702	779	790	825	907	1,001	988	991	1,000	1,024	1,044
Port Pirie .. ..	838	931	933	971	1,063	1,141	1,127	1,130	1,140	1,167	1,189
Mount Gambier .. ..	801	895	903	931	1,022	1,091	1,079	1,085	1,089	1,111	1,143
Peterborough .. ..	836	935	936	973	1,067	1,144	1,128	1,132	1,144	1,170	1,189
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	855	949	952	990	1,091	1,168	1,156	1,152	1,167	1,197	1,218
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c. .. ..	887	990	989	1,017	1,107	1,222	1,173	1,221	1,239	1,254	1,270
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,152	1,128	1,136	1,174	1,266	1,382	1,337	1,385	1,397	1,410	1,439
Northam .. ..	911	1,001	1,003	1,034	1,131	1,257	1,201	1,261	1,277	1,289	1,311
Bunbury .. ..	945	1,015	1,024	1,056	1,148	1,269	1,223	1,269	1,285	1,299	1,319
Geraldton .. ..	974	1,072	1,073	1,103	1,193	1,315	1,263	1,318	1,331	1,349	1,370
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	909	1,002	1,003	1,031	1,122	1,237	1,189	1,237	1,254	1,269	1,286
TASMANIA—											
Hobart .. ..	891	998	1,014	1,053	1,165	1,275	1,269	1,277	1,266	1,287	1,277
Launceston .. ..	867	943	956	1,001	1,113	1,227	1,220	1,230	1,223	1,234	1,226
Burnie .. ..	880	954	969	1,006	1,108	1,225	1,205	1,217	1,231	1,247	1,254
Devonport .. ..	846	924	939	976	1,078	1,197	1,177	1,186	1,200	1,223	1,242
Queenstown .. ..	900	1,014	1,028	1,067	1,173	1,267	1,262	1,268	1,251	1,285	1,270
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	882	977	992	1,032	1,143	1,254	1,247	1,256	1,248	1,266	1,258
THIRTY TOWNS(b) ..	902	1,003	1,005	1,045	1,140	1,226	1,206	1,222	1,227	1,248	1,275
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	906	1,009	1,010	1,050	1,145	1,230	1,209	1,226	1,232	1,252	1,279
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	732	891	904	956	1,039	1,124	1,103	1,124	1,128	1,141	1,162
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	831	925	929	968	1,063	1,144	1,128	1,129	1,140	1,177	1,204
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..	..	..	..	1,013	1,103	1,176	1,155	1,160	1,173	1,215	1,239
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) (d) ..	1,043	1,059	1,062	1,096	1,191	1,280	1,266	1,271	1,280	1,304	1,322

(a) See footnote (a) on page 89. (b) Weighted Average. (c) Not included in weighted averages above. (d) New series from 1938. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter, 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090.

## RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.(a)

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1939.		1949.				1950.				Per- cent- age in- crease from Aug., 1939 to Mar., 1950.
	Aug.	Month.			Mar. Qtr.	Month.			Mar. Qtr.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.			
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney .. ..	926	1,347	1,348	1,354	1,350	1,447	1,457	1,472	1,459	59.0	
Newcastle .. ..	960	1,370	1,373	1,380	1,374	1,456	1,466	1,479	1,467	54.1	
Broken Hill .. ..	1,069	1,601	1,605	1,667	1,624	1,782	1,781	1,803	1,789	68.7	
Goulburn .. ..	991	1,419	1,421	1,437	1,426	1,500	1,505	1,525	1,510	53.9	
Bathurst .. ..	939	1,388	1,394	1,400	1,394	1,480	1,491	1,506	1,492	60.4	
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	932	1,354	1,356	1,363	1,358	1,455	1,464	1,480	1,466	58.8	
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne .. ..	931	1,383	1,399	1,400	1,394	1,492	1,518	1,539	1,516	65.3	
Ballarat .. ..	939	1,377	1,396	1,397	1,390	1,512	1,532	1,547	1,530	64.7	
Bendigo .. ..	915	1,353	1,373	1,374	1,367	1,496	1,524	1,525	1,515	66.7	
Geelong .. ..	942	1,369	1,385	1,393	1,382	1,496	1,527	1,540	1,521	63.5	
Warrnambool .. ..	952	1,367	1,378	1,382	1,376	1,473	1,503	1,511	1,496	58.7	
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	932	1,381	1,397	1,399	1,392	1,492	1,519	1,539	1,517	65.1	
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane .. ..	855	1,293	1,308	1,311	1,304	1,395	1,402	1,409	1,402	64.8	
Toowoomba .. ..	812	1,317	1,340	1,344	1,334	1,411	1,416	1,425	1,418	75.5	
Rockhampton .. ..	893	1,330	1,360	1,365	1,352	1,434	1,443	1,455	1,444	62.9	
Townsville .. ..	948	1,419	1,429	1,434	1,427	1,493	1,497	1,507	1,499	59.0	
Bundaberg .. ..	906	1,346	1,372	1,379	1,366	1,434	1,436	1,445	1,438	59.5	
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	862	1,307	1,324	1,328	1,320	1,407	1,413	1,421	1,414	64.8	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide .. ..	882	1,328	1,329	1,343	1,333	1,419	1,431	1,435	1,428	62.7	
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	980	1,357	1,363	1,373	1,364	1,443	1,461	1,466	1,457	49.6	
Port Pirie .. ..	1,001	1,394	1,396	1,408	1,399	1,495	1,502	1,506	1,501	50.4	
Mount Gambier .. ..	930	1,309	1,310	1,324	1,314	1,398	1,413	1,427	1,413	53.4	
Peterborough .. ..	983	1,355	1,362	1,387	1,368	1,462	1,466	1,473	1,467	49.8	
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	891	1,331	1,333	1,346	1,337	1,423	1,435	1,438	1,432	61.4	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth and Fremantle ..	947	1,332	1,367	1,375	1,358	1,506	1,509	1,527	1,514	61.2	
Kalgoorlie and Boulder ..	1,102	1,470	1,508	1,522	1,500	1,639	1,649	1,657	1,648	50.4	
Northam .. ..	981	1,360	1,388	1,395	1,381	1,521	1,535	1,554	1,537	58.4	
Bunbury .. ..	975	1,346	1,379	1,385	1,370	1,507	1,519	1,524	1,517	56.3	
Geraldton .. ..	958	1,360	1,404	1,418	1,394	1,544	1,554	1,565	1,554	63.4	
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	960	1,344	1,379	1,387	1,370	1,516	1,521	1,537	1,525	60.1	
TASMANIA—											
Hobart .. ..	914	1,489	1,491	1,474	1,485	1,521	1,486	1,486	1,498	62.6	
Launceston .. ..	905	1,454	1,450	1,442	1,449	1,485	1,428	1,453	1,455	60.6	
Burnie .. ..	942	1,431	1,441	1,435	1,436	1,512	1,517	1,514	1,514	60.7	
Devonport .. ..	930	1,432	1,450	1,444	1,442	1,560	1,532	1,543	1,545	65.9	
Queenstown .. ..	1,018	1,554	1,555	1,548	1,552	1,588	1,562	1,547	1,566	52.0	
FIVE TOWNS (b) ..	917	1,476	1,477	1,464	1,472	1,514	1,474	1,482	1,490	61.6	
THIRTY TOWNS (b) ..	922	1,358	1,368	1,373	1,366	1,464	1,477	1,491	1,477	61.7	
SIX CAPITALS (b) ..	918	1,353	1,363	1,367	1,361	1,459	1,472	1,488	1,473	62.1	
Lithgow (N.S.W.) (c) ..	948	1,386	1,405	1,409	1,400	1,496	1,503	1,518	1,506	60.1	
Yallourn (V.) (c) ..	991	1,357	1,373	1,374	1,368	1,460	1,487	1,494	1,480	50.8	
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	851	1,317	1,325	1,336	1,326	1,418	1,420	1,429	1,422	67.9	
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	994	1,383	1,390	1,399	1,391	1,494	1,509	1,516	1,506	52.5	
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..	(d)	1,398	1,405	1,412	1,405	1,530	1,548	1,551	1,543	(d)	
Rosebery (T.) (c) ..	1,028	1,517	1,516	1,530	1,521	1,611	1,610	1,613	1,611	56.9	
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) ..	1,046	1,444	1,450	1,452	1,449	1,531	1,544	1,543	1,539	47.5	

(a) See note (a) on page 89.  
above. (d) Not available.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Not included in weighted averages

## THE ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 Roomed Houses), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.(a)

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1949.				1950.
							Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES—</b>											
Sydney ..	913	1,142	1,165	1,212	1,318	1,439	1,391	1,425	1,452	1,486	1,515
Newcastle ..	877	1,100	1,119	1,167	1,279	1,402	1,352	1,393	1,413	1,449	1,473
Brook Hill ..	940	1,192	1,216	1,257	1,376	1,528	1,461	1,504	1,554	1,593	1,614
Goulburn ..	893	1,114	1,134	1,177	1,291	1,426	1,380	1,421	1,434	1,467	1,495
Bathurst ..	860	1,091	1,116	1,162	1,277	1,403	1,358	1,393	1,411	1,448	1,475
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	911	1,139	1,162	1,208	1,315	1,437	1,389	1,424	1,451	1,485	1,513
<b>VICTORIA—</b>											
Melbourne ..	896	1,135	1,149	1,188	1,294	1,415	1,363	1,402	1,422	1,472	1,501
Ballarat ..	850	1,086	1,094	1,132	1,243	1,365	1,315	1,355	1,369	1,420	1,456
Bendigo ..	854	1,099	1,107	1,141	1,244	1,365	1,314	1,355	1,366	1,424	1,462
Geelong ..	884	1,113	1,124	1,170	1,278	1,397	1,344	1,385	1,401	1,457	1,493
Warrnambool ..	892	1,139	1,153	1,186	1,283	1,398	1,349	1,387	1,404	1,451	1,483
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	893	1,131	1,145	1,184	1,290	1,411	1,359	1,399	1,417	1,468	1,498
<b>QUEENSLAND—</b>											
Brisbane ..	852	1,072	1,093	1,137	1,241	1,348	1,295	1,338	1,364	1,393	1,414
Toowoomba ..	843	1,087	1,107	1,152	1,246	1,360	1,304	1,349	1,377	1,408	1,429
Rockhampton ..	853	1,079	1,096	1,140	1,241	1,357	1,307	1,349	1,373	1,399	1,428
Townsville ..	902	1,114	1,136	1,181	1,282	1,404	1,356	1,397	1,418	1,444	1,469
Bundaberg ..	831	1,054	1,074	1,115	1,221	1,335	1,287	1,327	1,352	1,374	1,401
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	854	1,075	1,097	1,140	1,244	1,352	1,300	1,343	1,368	1,397	1,419
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA—</b>											
Adelaide ..	888	1,102	1,120	1,165	1,277	1,393	1,347	1,377	1,408	1,440	1,456
Kadina, &c. ..	786	999	1,020	1,067	1,166	1,295	1,241	1,290	1,309	1,340	1,359
Port Pirie ..	868	1,085	1,106	1,152	1,260	1,369	1,322	1,356	1,381	1,416	1,433
Mount Gambier ..	849	1,070	1,093	1,134	1,235	1,340	1,291	1,331	1,354	1,382	1,405
Peterborough ..	868	1,093	1,108	1,152	1,253	1,368	1,317	1,352	1,382	1,419	1,435
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	883	1,098	1,116	1,160	1,272	1,388	1,342	1,372	1,402	1,435	1,451
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA—</b>											
Perth, &c. ..	882	1,107	1,127	1,161	1,264	1,410	1,338	1,406	1,435	1,459	1,479
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	1,202	1,223	1,265	1,368	1,502	1,441	1,498	1,525	1,544	1,571
Northam ..	900	1,113	1,133	1,171	1,272	1,420	1,347	1,419	1,446	1,467	1,494
Bunbury ..	914	1,115	1,136	1,173	1,277	1,424	1,355	1,421	1,447	1,472	1,499
Geraldton ..	957	1,170	1,187	1,221	1,327	1,475	1,411	1,472	1,494	1,521	1,546
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	897	1,116	1,136	1,170	1,273	1,418	1,348	1,414	1,443	1,467	1,487
<b>TASMANIA—</b>											
Hobart ..	887	1,107	1,138	1,178	1,292	1,419	1,379	1,412	1,425	1,459	1,455
Launceston ..	872	1,072	1,099	1,147	1,254	1,389	1,346	1,385	1,398	1,425	1,424
Burnie ..	865	1,063	1,093	1,132	1,232	1,367	1,323	1,355	1,382	1,406	1,417
Devonport ..	848	1,045	1,079	1,119	1,220	1,351	1,306	1,337	1,364	1,398	1,413
Queenstown ..	875	1,110	1,139	1,179	1,280	1,400	1,361	1,395	1,407	1,436	1,431
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	879	1,092	1,121	1,164	1,274	1,404	1,363	1,397	1,411	1,443	1,441
<b>THIRTY TOWNS(b)</b> ..	894	1,123	1,142	1,185	1,292	1,413	1,362	1,401	1,425	1,463	1,488
<b>SIX CAPITALS(b)</b> ..	897	1,126	1,145	1,188	1,295	1,415	1,364	1,403	1,428	1,466	1,491
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	800	1,064	1,087	1,138	1,234	1,349	1,294	1,339	1,371	1,390	1,406
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	863	1,084	1,105	1,157	1,267	1,373	1,325	1,355	1,387	1,426	1,443
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..	..	..	..	1,175	1,277	1,379	1,329	1,365	1,391	1,430	1,446
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) ..	966	1,149	1,170	1,210	1,327	1,456	1,408	1,445	1,466	1,503	1,531

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 Conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June quarter, 1936, in the group index-numbers for certain towns. The revision of the whole system was so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the weighted average of the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns. (b) Weighted average. (c) Not included in weighted averages above.



## RETAIL PRICE INDEXES.

The All Items ("C" Series) Index and its Group Index-Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

(Base of Each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Food, Groceries and Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items ("C" Series).
<b>Year—</b>						
1914 (c) .. ..	641	649	644	754	749	687
1919 (c) .. ..	1,026	768	934	1,238	1,036	1,022
1924 .. ..	969	988	975	1,003	1,004	987
1925 .. ..	998	1,008	1,002	991	992	997
1926 .. ..	1,023	1,026	1,024	986	998	1,011
1927 .. ..	1,000	1,030	1,011	975	1,008	1,002
1928 .. ..	985	1,066	1,014	997	1,010	1,009
1929 .. ..	1,044	1,073	1,054	996	1,007	1,033
1930 .. ..	941	1,047	978	951	999	975
1931 .. ..	826	901	852	853	973	873
1932 .. ..	796	817	803	804	958	830
1933 .. ..	751	804	768	787	950	804
1934 .. ..	783	810	792	785	944	817
1935 .. ..	806	839	818	783	946	832
1936 .. ..	825	879	844	792	947	850
1937 .. ..	851	912	872	811	960	873
1938 .. ..	886	942	906	829	961	897
1939 .. ..	927	965	939	841	962	920
1940 .. ..	939	973	950	956	998	957
1941 .. ..	947	976	956	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942 .. ..	1,031	976	1,007	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943 .. ..	1,037	975	1,011	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944 .. ..	1,026	976	1,004	1,435	1,165	1,126
1945 .. ..	1,034	975	1,009	1,425	1,161	1,126
1946 .. ..	1,036	976	1,010	1,505	1,167	1,145
1947 .. ..	1,100	977	1,050	1,566	1,199	1,188
1948 .. ..	1,256	979	1,145	1,744	1,257	1,295
1949 .. ..	1,394	982	1,230	1,997	1,338	1,415
<b>Quarter—</b>						
1939—September ..	920	967	936	836	961	916
1945—September ..	1,040	975	1,013	1,415	1,161	1,126
1946—September ..	1,029	976	1,006	1,521	1,167	1,146
1947—September ..	1,104	977	1,052	1,566	1,213	1,192
1948—September ..	1,274	979	1,156	1,778	1,271	1,311
1949—June .. ..	1,388	981	1,226	1,963	1,325	1,403
September .. ..	1,396	982	1,232	2,043	1,345	1,428
December .. ..	1,429	983	1,252	2,132	1,378	1,466
1950—March .. ..	1,473	984	1,279	2,156	1,402	1,491

(a) The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000.

(b) Rent.—The rent index-numbers shown in the table above and others in this bulletin measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Similarly, "average rents" shown in the ensuing pages are indexes of "price" changes in rentals expressed in terms of pence. They are not the average of rents actually paid by all tenants of 4 and 5-roomed houses. It would be inappropriate to include the average of rents actually paid in an index designed to measure price changes only. The average of rents actually paid is ascertained periodically by Census methods (see also page 2 of *Labour Report* No. 37).

(c) November.

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED  
FOR THE YEAR 1950 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1950.**

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	7.37	7.37	7.82	7.50	7.50	8.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.50	8.00	8.00	8.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.14	6.14	6.14	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.20	6.20	6.20
" self-raising ..	"	10.95	10.95	11.05	10.93	10.86	10.86	10.14	10.14	10.21	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.60	11.60	11.60
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.86	33.86	33.86	33.93	33.86	33.86	33.70	33.70	33.70	33.60	33.60	33.60
Sugar ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.25	5.25	5.25	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.25	5.25	5.25
Sago ..	"	9.35	9.35	9.35	10.67	10.10	9.67	10.43	10.43	10.43	9.60	9.60	9.60	10.30	10.10	9.40
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	18.05	18.05	18.05	18.21	18.21	18.21	17.93	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.30	18.30	18.20
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.90	8.90	8.90	10.70	10.70	10.58	11.00	11.00	11.07	10.60	10.80	10.70	10.30	10.30	10.30
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	6.00	6.15	6.15	6.00	6.15	6.15	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.25	7.25	7.25	6.50	6.50	6.50
Raisins, seeded ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.90	17.00	17.00	17.86	17.86	17.86	17.00	17.00	16.67	17.50	17.25	17.25
Currants ..	"	13.10	13.10	13.10	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.93	13.93	13.93	13.13	13.13	13.38	13.00	13.00	13.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	26.00	26.00	26.00	24.50	24.50	24.50	27.33	27.33	27.33	27.50	27.50	27.50	25.17	25.17	25.17
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	19.60	19.60	20.50	19.79	19.79	19.79	20.90	20.90	23.00	20.60	20.60	21.17	20.40	20.40	21.00
Pears, canned ..	"	20.60	20.60	21.75	20.67	20.64	20.64	21.33	21.33	21.33	21.50	21.50	22.33	21.00	21.00	22.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	29.36	25.86	25.36	23.50	21.75	22.30	23.30	22.30	22.30
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.92	4.67	4.50	4.38	4.90	4.58	4.79	4.93	4.93	4.25	4.38	4.40	4.10	4.75	4.80
Soap ..	"	9.43	10.29	10.29	9.51	10.29	10.29	11.00	11.61	11.61	10.29	10.63	11.14	10.06	10.86	10.86
Kerosene ..	quart	6.74	7.41	7.41	7.18	7.53	7.73	7.89	8.47	8.57	7.53	8.10	8.10	7.50	7.88	8.00
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	28.50	28.50	28.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.83	19.75	19.75	21.07	21.07	21.42	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.25	20.25	20.25
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	38.45	41.45	44.50	38.43	41.50	44.50	41.43	42.57	44.48	38.30	41.60	45.50	38.20	41.20	44.40
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	39.15	40.00	40.55	37.92	38.83	38.83	41.67	44.67	45.50	38.20	39.00	39.00	38.25	39.13	39.38
Milk, condensed ..	tin	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
" fresh ..	quart	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.17	19.17	19.17	22.00	22.00	22.00	17.00	17.20	17.40	17.00	17.00	17.00
" rib ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.60	11.60	11.60	19.67	19.67	19.67	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" steak, rump ..	"	28.50	28.45	28.50	29.07	29.07	29.21	31.00	31.00	31.00	26.60	26.60	26.60	27.00	27.00	27.00
" chuck ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.14	22.00	22.00	22.00	13.20	13.60	13.60	13.00	13.00	13.50
" sausages ..	"	12.70	12.67	12.75	13.33	13.50	13.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.20	12.20	12.20	12.25	12.25	12.25
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	15.50	15.40	15.45	16.07	16.07	16.07	21.00	21.00	21.00	15.10	15.10	15.10	14.75	14.75	14.75
" brisket ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.71	12.71	19.00	19.00	19.00	13.50	13.50	13.70	13.63	13.63	13.63
Mutton, leg ..	"	11.50	11.45	11.50	12.00	11.67	11.67	19.00	19.00	19.00	14.33	15.00	15.00	13.75	14.00	14.00
" forequarter ..	"	6.95	6.95	7.00	7.17	7.17	7.17	13.00	13.00	13.00	8.17	8.17	8.75	8.75	9.13	9.13
" loin ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.10	14.17	13.83	13.83	20.14	20.14	20.14	15.33	15.33	15.33	13.75	14.25	14.25
" chops, loin ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.83	14.83	14.83	21.00	21.00	21.00	15.67	15.67	15.67	14.25	14.75	14.75
" " leg ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.83	14.83	14.83	20.00	20.29	20.29	15.67	15.67	15.67	14.25	14.75	14.75
Pork, leg ..	"	30.20	30.50	31.30	32.80	33.40	33.60	27.71	27.71	27.71	28.80	27.60	28.80	29.00	29.00	28.00
" loin ..	"	30.80	31.10	32.20	32.80	33.40	33.60	27.43	27.43	27.43	28.80	27.60	28.80	29.00	29.00	30.00
" chops ..	"	31.50	31.80	33.00	32.80	33.40	34.00	29.57	29.57	29.57	28.80	28.80	28.80	30.00	30.00	29.00
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	282 83	..	..	244 70	..	..	195.87	..	..	224.19	..	..	213.36	..

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 90.

**VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED  
FOR THE YEAR 1950 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1950.**

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PRICES.

Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.90	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.64	5.64	5.64	6.29	6.29	6.29	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.80	5.80	5.80
" self-raising ..	"	9.95	9.95	9.95	10.93	10.93	10.86	11.14	11.36	11.43	9.90	9.90	9.90	11.00	11.00	11.00
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.57	33.57	33.57	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50
Sugar ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.50	5.46	5.26	5.70	5.46	5.25	5.25	5.22	5.22	5.38	5.38	5.36
Sago ..	"	8.39	7.50	7.75	8.43	8.14	8.21	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.40	7.90	7.90	8.60	8.60	8.60
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	16.05	16.00	16.00	16.57	16.71	16.43	16.21	16.21	16.21	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.90	16.90	16.90
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	9.56	9.50	9.55	10.43	10.43	10.43	10.60	10.67	10.75	9.88	9.88	9.80	11.00	10.70	10.70
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	5.69	5.81	6.13	5.71	5.96	6.11	6.17	6.17	6.33	5.69	5.69	5.81	6.13	6.50	6.75
Raisins, seeded ..	"	17.25	17.25	17.35	17.75	17.67	17.50	17.43	17.70	17.50	17.38	17.38	17.33	18.00	18.00	18.00
Currants ..	"	13.56	13.33	13.44	13.50	13.57	13.43	13.71	13.79	13.71	13.10	13.10	13.30	13.60	13.60	13.60
Apricots, dried ..	"	25.17	25.17	25.17	27.00	27.00	27.00	25.67	25.67	25.67	26.17	26.17	26.17	25.50	25.50	25.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	18.50	18.50	19.56	19.36	19.36	20.67	19.50	19.50	20.75	18.70	18.50	19.00	19.90	19.90	22.00
Pears, canned ..	"	19.60	19.70	20.83	20.71	20.71	22.10	20.33	20.33	21.75	20.10	19.70	20.17	21.30	21.30	23.33
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	24.07	23.50	24.00	26.50	25.86	25.86	20.80	21.40	21.40	21.00	21.00	21.00
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.67	3.58	3.71	3.86	3.86	4.07	4.57	4.43	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.10	3.60	3.60	3.60
Soap ..	"	10.67	11.47	11.38	10.38	10.96	10.99	10.43	10.95	10.95	10.40	11.19	11.19	10.83	11.50	11.54
Kerosene ..	quart	6.88	7.27	7.24	6.89	7.04	7.22	7.50	7.97	8.00	6.55	6.93	6.95	7.30	7.68	7.68
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	26.30	26.35	26.35	26.29	26.29	26.29	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.20	19.60	19.60	18.30	18.30	18.30	19.17	19.17	19.17
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	33.90	34.00	40.00	33.83	34.00	39.67	34.00	34.00	40.00	34.00	34.00	39.80	34.00	34.00	40.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	40.63	44.13	44.25	39.86	42.33	44.07	40.57	42.86	43.00	40.30	43.70	44.30	40.40	44.40	44.40
Milk, condensed ..	tin	14.00	13.90	13.90	14.14	14.14	14.07	14.57	14.71	14.79	13.90	13.90	13.90	14.60	14.40	14.60
" fresh ..	quart	10.18	11.53	11.68	9.85	11.10	11.50	9.50	11.00	11.00	9.75	11.15	11.15	9.13	10.63	10.63
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	19.50	19.60	19.60	19.00	19.00	19.00	17.57	17.57	17.57	18.80	18.80	18.80	18.40	18.40	18.40
" rib ..	"	16.30	16.40	16.50	16.64	16.64	16.64	14.14	14.14	14.14	16.30	16.30	16.20	14.00	14.00	14.00
" steak, rump ..	"	28.60	28.60	28.60	28.00	28.00	28.00	26.43	26.43	26.43	28.20	28.40	28.40	25.20	25.20	25.20
" chuck ..	"	13.90	13.90	14.60	13.83	13.83	13.83	13.14	13.14	13.14	14.20	14.20	14.40	13.20	13.20	13.20
" sausages ..	"	12.30	12.20	12.80	12.71	12.71	12.71	11.86	11.86	11.86	12.40	12.40	12.40	12.00	12.00	12.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	18.65	18.60	18.80	18.57	18.57	18.57	16.57	16.57	16.50	18.70	18.70	18.70	17.20	17.20	17.20
" brisket ..	"	13.00	13.00	13.11	12.29	12.29	12.29	12.14	12.29	12.29	13.00	13.20	13.20	12.60	12.60	12.60
Mutton, leg ..	"	18.88	13.81	14.13	13.64	13.64	13.64	13.64	13.64	13.57	13.90	13.90	14.40	14.00	14.00	14.00
" forequarter ..	"	7.63	7.50	7.94	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.57	7.57	7.71	7.70	7.70	7.80	8.00	8.00	8.00
" loin ..	"	12.14	12.29	12.71	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.29	12.29	12.00	12.20	12.40	11.80	11.80	11.80
" chops, loin ..	"	13.00	13.00	13.50	12.93	12.93	13.07	13.00	13.36	13.36	13.00	13.00	13.40	13.60	13.60	13.60
" leg ..	"	13.81	13.81	14.19	13.64	13.64	13.64	13.14	13.29	13.29	13.50	13.50	13.60	14.20	14.20	14.20
Pork, leg ..	"	32.57	32.14	32.00	31.50	31.50	31.50	28.75	30.50	29.00	33.00	32.75	33.50	27.00	27.00	27.00
" loin ..	"	33.43	33.00	33.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	29.75	31.50	30.00	33.00	32.50	33.00	27.00	27.00	27.00
" chops ..	"	33.71	33.29	34.83	33.60	33.60	33.60	30.25	32.00	30.50	33.00	32.50	33.00	27.00	27.00	27.00
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	263.69	..	..	183.16	..	..	189.75	..	..	239.78	..	..	237.66	..

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 90.

**QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED  
FOR THE YEAR 1950 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1950.**

PRICES.

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.00	8.00	8.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.36	5.36	5.36	5.43	5.43	5.43	6.64	6.64	6.64	6.20	6.20	6.20	5.90	5.90	5.90
" self-raising ..	"	11.18	11.23	11.23	12.67	12.67	12.67	13.07	13.07	13.07	13.40	13.50	13.50	12.50	12.50	12.50
Tea ..	lb.	31.41	31.41	31.41	31.93	32.14	32.14	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.30	33.30	33.30	32.60	32.60	32.40
Sugar ..	"	4.95	4.98	4.95	5.16	5.24	5.24	5.21	5.21	5.21	6.14	6.14	6.14	4.97	4.97	4.97
Sago ..	"	8.80	8.75	8.85	9.29	9.14	9.14	9.71	9.71	9.71	10.75	10.75	10.75	10.40	10.20	10.20
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	15.64	16.27	16.55	16.50	17.00	17.00	17.14	17.36	17.43	17.40	18.10	18.20	16.10	16.60	16.60
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.72	8.82	8.82	9.79	9.79	9.79	9.86	10.21	10.36	10.00	10.20	10.20	9.10	9.20	9.20
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	17.00	17.05	17.05	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.80	17.80	17.80	17.50	17.50	17.60
Currants ..	"	13.67	13.67	13.67	13.64	13.64	13.64	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.17	14.33	14.33	13.88	13.88	13.88
Apricots, dried ..	"	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	26.50	26.50	26.50	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	20.75	21.00	21.00	22.43	22.43	22.43	21.71	22.07	22.13	22.20	22.30	22.30	21.90	21.90	21.83
Pears, canned ..	"	21.75	22.17	22.20	23.00	23.00	23.00	22.64	23.25	23.25	23.20	23.13	23.13	22.67	22.67	22.67
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	23.05	22.86	21.41	25.07	24.93	23.14	25.07	25.36	24.43	27.70	27.70	27.40	24.40	24.40	22.60
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.40	4.56	4.56	3.50	3.50	4.53	4.07	4.92	5.08	4.29	4.60	4.60	3.60	3.60	4.50
Soap ..	"	9.82	10.43	10.49	10.28	10.76	10.81	10.00	10.67	10.67	10.06	10.50	10.50	10.00	10.27	10.40
Kerosene ..	quart	6.29	6.80	6.85	6.92	7.56	7.56	7.75	7.88	8.31	6.92	7.33	7.33	6.90	7.10	7.30
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	25.91	25.91	25.91	25.71	25.71	25.71	25.71	25.71	25.71	27.90	27.90	27.90	25.70	25.70	25.70
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.41	17.55	17.55	17.43	17.43	17.43	18.36	18.36	18.36	20.00	20.00	20.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	36.00	36.00	37.00	33.00	34.00	35.57	30.57	33.71	36.14	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.60	30.60	33.75
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	33.09	33.18	33.18	32.50	32.50	32.50	33.29	33.36	33.29	34.10	34.00	34.20	32.60	32.60	32.60
Milk, condensed ..	tin	13.64	13.64	13.64	13.93	13.93	13.93	14.43	14.43	14.43	14.40	14.40	14.50	13.80	13.80	13.80
" fresh ..	quart	10.10	10.10	10.10	9.67	9.67	9.67	10.00	10.00	10.00	12.10	12.10	12.10	9.50	9.50	9.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	18.55	18.55	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.50	18.36	18.36	19.14	19.00	19.00	19.50	19.10	19.10	19.40
" rib ..	"	11.39	11.44	11.55	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" steak, rump ..	"	23.55	23.55	24.55	23.50	23.50	24.50	21.07	21.07	22.00	21.50	21.50	22.50	21.50	21.50	22.30
" chuck ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.55	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.50	12.50	13.00	11.50	11.50	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.70
" sausages ..	"	11.17	11.17	11.56	11.00	11.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.90
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	15.00	15.00	16.00	16.50	16.50	17.50	16.00	16.00	16.86	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.30
" brisket ..	"	12.10	12.10	12.55	13.00	13.00	13.50	14.50	14.43	14.79	12.20	12.40	13.10	14.50	14.50	14.90
Mutton, leg ..	"	12.15	12.15	12.15	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.71	12.71	12.71	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
" forequarter ..	"	7.55	7.50	7.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	10.70	10.70	10.50
" loin ..	"	11.39	11.39	11.39	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	13.70	13.70	13.70
" chops, loin ..	"	12.55	12.55	12.55	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.71	12.71	12.86	11.50	11.50	11.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
" leg ..	"	12.17	12.17	12.17	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.43	12.43	12.86	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
Pork, leg ..	"	27.33	27.30	28.11	23.71	23.71	24.14	20.21	20.21	21.07	24.75	24.75	24.75	21.80	21.80	23.00
" loin ..	"	27.44	27.40	28.22	23.57	23.57	23.57	21.29	21.43	21.93	23.25	23.25	23.50	22.20	22.20	23.00
" chops ..	"	27.94	27.85	28.61	23.71	23.71	23.71	21.71	21.71	22.50	23.25	23.25	23.50	22.60	22.60	23.40
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	235.48	..	..	226.03	..	..	219.88	..	..	218.36	..	..	174.10	..

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 90.



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1950 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1950.**

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIRIE.			MOUNT GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.71	5.71	5.71	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.13	6.13	6.13
" self-raising ..	"	8.55	8.55	8.60	9.36	9.43	9.43	9.64	9.64	9.71	9.60	9.40	9.60	9.63	9.63	9.63
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.40	33.40	33.40	33.50	33.50	33.50
Sugar ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.33	5.33	5.33	5.43	5.43	5.43	5.47	5.47	5.47	5.50	5.50	5.50
Sago ..	"	8.35	8.35	8.35	9.43	9.14	9.00	9.92	9.40	9.40	9.50	9.40	9.40	10.63	9.63	9.63
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	16.55	16.55	16.55	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.07	17.50	17.50	17.60	17.63	17.63	17.38
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	9.25	9.45	9.45	9.93	10.00	10.14	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.88	10.13	10.13	9.88	10.13	10.25
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	6.25	6.58	7.33	6.25	6.25	7.33	7.17	7.25	8.00	5.50	5.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	17.20	17.20	17.20	18.10	18.10	18.10	17.70	17.70	18.00	17.50	17.50	17.50	18.00	18.00	18.00
Currants ..	"	13.60	13.60	13.65	13.71	13.71	13.71	13.67	13.86	13.93	13.70	13.70	13.70	14.25	14.25	14.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	25.50	25.50	25.50	27.17	27.17	27.17	28.33	28.33	28.33	25.80	25.80	25.80	25.88	25.88	25.88
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	18.50	19.20	20.25	20.33	20.17	21.00	19.50	19.50	21.08	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	21.50
Pears, canned ..	"	19.50	19.50	20.61	20.33	20.33	20.33	20.21	20.21	21.33	20.50	20.50	21.00	20.38	20.38	22.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	19.71	19.71	19.71	24.00	22.50	22.50	24.57	23.57	23.57	20.42	20.42	20.42	25.25	24.25	24.25
Onions, brown ..	lb.	4.13	4.13	3.63	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.57	4.57	4.36	3.00	3.00	3.25	4.33	4.50	4.38
Soap ..	"	10.00	10.60	10.67	10.33	10.86	11.00	10.33	10.72	10.76	10.27	10.93	10.93	10.50	11.25	11.25
Kerosene ..	quart	6.03	6.61	6.75	6.38	7.06	7.09	6.66	7.25	7.25	6.80	7.55	7.55	6.50	7.13	7.13
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.72	17.72	17.89	18.00	18.00	18.25	18.25	18.25	18.25	18.00	18.00	18.33	18.33	18.67	18.33
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	37.50	39.10	41.40	30.00	30.00	31.50	30.67	32.08	33.92	29.60	31.00	33.20	29.00	29.00	31.33
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	38.15	41.30	41.30	38.58	41.83	41.83	38.50	41.50	41.50	38.40	41.60	41.60	38.63	41.00	42.13
Milk, condensed ..	tin	12.85	12.85	12.85	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.36	13.36	13.36	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.38	13.38	13.38
" fresh ..	quart	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.50	8.75	8.75	10.00	10.00	10.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.29	16.57	16.57	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.80	16.80	16.80	16.00	16.00	16.00
" rib ..	"	14.50	14.50	14.50	13.93	14.07	14.07	14.43	14.43	14.43	15.10	15.10	15.10	14.00	14.00	14.00
" steak, rump ..	"	25.00	25.00	25.00	24.57	24.57	24.57	26.43	26.43	26.43	23.40	23.40	24.20	25.00	25.00	25.00
" chuck ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.57	14.57	14.57	17.14	17.14	17.14	12.80	12.80	13.00	15.17	15.17	15.17
" sausages ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.60	9.60	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.71	16.71	16.71	17.57	17.57	17.57	15.90	15.90	16.10	17.00	17.00	17.00
" brisket ..	"	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.14	13.14	13.29	15.00	15.00	15.00	13.20	13.20	13.40	14.00	13.67	13.67
Mutton, leg ..	"	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.93	12.93	12.93	12.30	12.30	12.50	13.00	13.00	13.00
" forequarter ..	"	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.71	7.71	7.71	9.00	9.00	9.00	7.70	7.70	7.90	7.83	7.83	7.83
" loin ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.29	11.29	11.29	13.07	13.07	13.07	10.80	10.80	11.00	11.67	11.67	11.67
" chops, loin ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.29	12.29	12.29	13.79	13.79	13.71	11.60	11.60	11.80	12.00	12.00	12.00
" leg ..	"	13.15	13.15	13.15	13.29	13.29	13.29	14.07	14.07	14.00	12.40	12.40	12.60	13.67	13.67	13.67
Pork, leg ..	"	29.75	30.25	30.25	23.00	23.00	23.00	28.33	28.80	28.80	24.00	24.75	25.50	25.00	25.00	25.00
" loin ..	"	30.08	30.42	30.42	23.17	23.40	23.40	28.17	28.80	28.80	24.00	24.75	25.50	24.00	24.00	24.00
" chops ..	"	30.42	30.75	30.75	23.17	23.40	23.40	31.17	31.80	31.80	25.75	26.50	27.75	26.00	26.00	26.00
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	248.24	..	..	102.31	..	..	178.69	..	..	183.38	..	..	191.64	..

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 90.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1950 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1950.**

Article.	Unit.	PERTH.			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	8.00	8.00	7.50	8.00	8.00	7.50	8.00	8.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
" self-raising ..	"	10.45	10.50	10.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.25	33.25	33.25	34.00	34.00	34.00
Sugar ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.58	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50
Sago ..	"	8.65	8.25	8.20	11.00	10.14	10.14	9.75	9.50	9.50	10.38	10.38	10.13	9.63	9.33	9.25
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	18.40	18.30	18.30	20.00	20.07	20.07	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.25	19.25	19.25	19.40	19.40	19.50
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	10.06	10.00	10.06	11.83	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.63	10.63	10.63	11.00	11.50	11.50
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	6.00	6.00	6.38	8.50	8.50	9.13	6.88	6.88	7.50	7.67	7.67	7.67	6.00	6.00	8.25
Raisins, seeded ..	"	16.00	17.00	18.25	17.86	17.86	18.67	17.50	17.50	18.25	16.75	16.75	17.06	17.83	17.83	19.00
Currants ..	"	13.50	13.50	14.30	14.50	14.50	15.42	14.00	14.00	14.75	14.00	14.00	14.63	14.30	14.30	15.30
Apricots, dried ..	"	28.50	29.00	28.50	30.50	29.50	30.50	30.00	30.00	30.00	29.50	29.50	30.50	30.00	30.00	30.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	21.29	21.25	21.13	23.10	23.10	23.17	22.25	22.25	22.25	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.25	22.25
Pears, canned ..	"	22.50	22.50	22.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	23.63	23.63	23.63	23.83	23.83	23.83	23.83	23.75	23.75
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	17.50	17.55	17.50	18.79	18.93	18.93	19.00	19.00	19.00	17.75	17.75	17.75	18.50	18.50	18.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.70	3.78	3.70	3.93	4.00	4.00	4.88	4.38	4.13	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.90	3.90
Soap ..	"	10.00	10.67	11.26	11.00	11.38	12.28	10.67	11.33	12.00	10.50	10.84	11.67	10.67	10.93	12.00
Kerosene ..	quart	8.13	8.97	9.05	10.37	10.61	11.33	9.03	9.76	10.06	9.61	10.19	10.35	9.67	9.23	10.94
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	26.50	26.50	26.50	28.43	28.43	28.43	27.00	27.00	27.00	26.50	26.50	26.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	19.00	19.00	19.00	20.00	22.50	22.25	19.75	21.00	21.25	20.00	20.00	20.50	19.50	19.50	20.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	41.00	41.00	42.00	39.29	44.14	45.43	41.25	42.50	43.75	41.00	41.00	42.00	40.60	41.40	42.40
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	37.50	37.50	37.80	39.21	39.21	39.50	38.13	38.38	38.38	38.17	38.17	38.17	38.50	38.50	38.80
Milk, condensed ..	tin	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.63	14.88	14.88	15.00	15.00	15.00
" fresh ..	quart	11.00	11.00	11.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	12.50	12.50	12.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	19.00	19.00	19.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00
" rib ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.86	16.86	16.86	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" steak, rump ..	"	25.00	25.00	25.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
" chuck ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" sausages ..	"	12.33	12.00	12.29	12.29	12.00	12.00	13.50	13.50	13.50	12.20	12.20	12.30	12.33	12.00	12.33
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.14	18.00	18.00	17.25	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
" " brisket ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.00	13.75	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.86	16.86	16.86	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" forequarter ..	"	8.00	8.00	8.90	9.29	9.29	9.29	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.20	8.20	8.40	8.00	8.00	8.00
" loin ..	"	15.56	15.67	15.67	16.86	16.86	16.86	15.75	15.75	15.75	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.67	15.33	15.33
" chops, loin ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" " leg ..	"	15.00	15.20	15.30	16.14	16.14	16.14	15.50	15.25	15.50	15.00	15.00	15.20	15.00	15.00	15.00
Pork, leg ..	"	32.40	32.40	33.00	29.40	31.00	32.00	27.50	29.00	29.25	28.50	30.00	30.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
" loin ..	"	32.40	32.40	33.00	30.00	31.50	32.00	27.25	28.00	28.50	28.50	30.00	30.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
" chops ..	"	32.40	32.40	33.00	30.60	31.50	32.00	27.75	29.00	29.25	28.50	30.00	30.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	242.04	..	..	282.34	..	..	243.31	..	..	256.46	..	..	274.67	..

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 90.

**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED  
FOR THE YEAR 1950 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1950.**

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PRICES.

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	a.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.60	5.65	5.65	5.57	5.57	5.57	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.90	6.00	6.20	5.88	5.88	5.88
self-raising ..	"	9.50	9.50	10.00	9.43	9.43	9.79	10.10	10.10	10.20	9.80	9.80	10.20	11.00	11.00	11.00
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.13	33.13	33.13
Sugar ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.25	5.25	5.25
Sago ..	"	9.39	9.60	9.60	9.29	9.29	9.29	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.80	9.80	9.80	10.00	10.00	10.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	12.65	12.65	12.65	12.64	12.64	12.64	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.60	12.60	12.60	13.63	13.63	13.63
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	10.00	10.08	10.06	10.08	10.08	10.10	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.88	10.13	10.13	10.63	10.60	10.63
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	6.50	6.50	8.00	6.25	6.33	7.13	5.25	5.25	5.25	6.50	6.50	9.25	5.25	5.25	5.25
Raisins, seeded ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.83	16.83	16.83	18.50	18.50	18.50
Currants ..	"	13.95	13.95	13.95	13.36	13.64	13.64	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.80	13.80	13.80	14.13	14.13	14.38
Apricots, dried ..	"	26.14	26.14	26.14	25.83	25.83	25.83	22.60	22.60	22.60	23.50	23.50	23.50	24.50	24.50	24.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	19.25	19.05	19.05	19.67	19.67	19.67	19.50	19.50	19.50	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.50	19.50	19.50
Pears, canned ..	"	20.00	19.83	19.83	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	19.57	19.67	19.44	18.49	18.34	19.00	19.60	19.60	17.74	22.40	21.00	20.47	18.08	18.08	18.08
Onions, brown ..	lb.	5.30	6.33	6.20	5.71	5.38	6.14	5.30	5.40	5.40	5.13	5.88	6.13	5.13	5.13	5.50
Soap ..	"	10.00	10.60	10.67	10.00	10.57	10.67	10.00	10.67	10.67	10.00	10.54	10.67	10.33	10.33	11.00
Kerosene ..	quart	9.43	9.48	9.67	8.75	8.92	9.18	8.80	9.48	9.16	9.54	9.80	9.80	9.52	9.61	9.75
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50
Eggs, mild laid ..	doz.	36.50	39.20	41.55	36.50	39.50	41.50	36.50	38.50	41.50	36.50	39.50	41.50	37.25	39.00	41.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	38.60	38.60	38.60	39.14	39.14	39.14	40.00	39.20	39.20	39.50	39.50	39.75	40.38	40.38	40.38
Milk, condensed ..	tin	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.75	14.75	14.75
" fresh ..	quart	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.17	10.14	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	22.00	20.83	20.72	21.00	19.00	19.43	20.25	20.25	20.25	21.00	19.67	20.00	22.00	21.00	20.33
" rib ..	"	20.00	18.64	18.29	19.17	17.17	17.17	18.67	18.67	18.67	18.50	17.00	17.00	20.00	19.00	18.33
" steak, rump ..	"	28.00	26.78	26.72	27.00	25.00	25.57	24.75	24.75	24.75	26.00	24.67	24.00	28.00	27.00	26.50
" chuck ..	"	18.11	16.89	16.72	17.21	15.43	15.43	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.33	15.33	18.00	17.00	16.50
" sausages ..	"	11.67	11.67	11.67	12.40	12.80	13.20	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	12.00	13.00	15.33	15.33	15.33
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	21.11	19.50	19.72	20.00	18.00	18.00	18.75	19.25	19.25	20.00	19.00	19.00	21.00	20.00	19.83
" brisket ..	"	18.00	16.78	16.83	17.14	15.00	15.00	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.33	16.67	16.67	18.00	17.00	16.50
Mutton, leg ..	"	13.63	12.19	12.00	13.17	11.36	12.14	14.50	14.50	14.50	16.67	16.00	16.67	13.50	12.75	12.00
" forequarter ..	"	7.81	6.44	6.25	6.83	5.14	5.71	8.50	8.50	8.50	13.67	12.67	12.67	7.50	6.75	6.00
" loin ..	"	13.58	12.21	12.00	12.75	11.83	12.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	16.33	15.67	15.67	13.50	13.50	12.00
" chops, loin ..	"	13.63	12.19	12.00	13.00	11.07	12.43	14.50	14.50	14.50	17.00	16.33	16.33	13.50	12.75	12.00
" leg ..	"	13.63	12.19	12.00	13.00	11.07	12.43	14.50	14.50	14.50	17.00	16.33	16.33	13.50	12.75	12.00
Pork, leg ..	"	31.67	31.00	31.00	24.57	24.00	24.43	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
" loin ..	"	30.56	30.56	30.22	24.14	24.00	24.43	24.75	25.50	25.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
" chops ..	"	32.00	31.78	31.78	24.57	24.00	24.43	24.75	25.50	25.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	253.61	..	..	235.77	..	..	215.11	..	..	195.79	..	..	205.51	..

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 90.

## MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base of each Group : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agric- ultural Pro- duce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Gro- ceries.	Meat.	Building Ma- terials.	Chem- icals.	All Groups.
1861..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,229
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904..	821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	980	942	1,209	809	859	910
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	998
1910..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	998	898	1,003
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,188
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,149
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917..	2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,416	2,300	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919..	2,121	2,363	1,987	1,651	1,514	2,342	2,552	2,896	2,055
1920..	2,302	2,625	2,460	2,213	1,920	3,279	3,226	2,834	2,483
1921..	2,173	1,361	1,767	2,000	1,977	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922..	1,941	1,681	1,623	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923..	1,826	1,448	1,778	1,840	1,746	2,579	2,024	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,814	1,806	1,885
1925..	1,851	1,966	1,796	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,730	1,931	1,664	1,816	1,832
1927..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,623	1,866	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929..	1,912	1,555	1,793	1,854	1,689	2,245	1,755	1,943	1,803
1930..	1,867	1,127	1,484	1,627	1,666	2,024	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931..	1,826	1,040	1,121	1,398	1,794	1,512	2,025	2,166	1,429
1932..	1,736	998	1,230	1,304	1,766	1,351	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,194	1,714	1,485	2,061	2,105	1,409
1934..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,017	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,566	1,330	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,854	1,361	1,567	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,883	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159
1945..	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228
1946..	2,262	2,062	1,951	1,722	1,977	2,589	3,772	2,614	2,162
1947..	2,390	2,690	2,019	1,763	2,174	2,748	3,800	2,843	2,360
1948..	2,829	3,619	2,383	2,104	2,435	2,976	4,631	3,180	2,824
1949..	3,502	3,966	2,876	2,309	2,558	3,356	4,611	3,221	3,191

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 88 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index-numbers back to 1936-37 are published on the next page.



# **WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.**

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total—All Groups.
1936-37 ..	962	984	1,185	988	1,106	989	994	974	991	980	984
1937-38 ..	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	969	1,041	1,014	997	1,018	1,000	1,005
1938-39 ..	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	992	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1942-43 ..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,487	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,372
1943-44 ..	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,527	1,287	1,823	1,217	1,396
1944-45 ..	1,307	1,675	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,522	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1945-46 ..	1,302	1,561	1,518	1,416	1,398	1,766	1,490	1,348	1,782	1,237	1,412
1946-47 ..	1,318	1,453	1,913	1,401	1,313	1,802	1,488	1,380	1,768	1,288	1,429
1947-48 ..	1,460	1,607	2,833	1,478	1,261	1,898	1,655	1,532	1,924	1,448	1,588
1948-49 ..	1,849	1,737	3,419	1,594	1,301	1,983	1,884	1,747	2,008	1,727	1,809
1946-47—											
October ..	1,300	1,459	1,874	1,417	1,398	1,783	1,483	1,348	1,757	1,264	1,409
November ..	1,300	1,459	1,954	1,390	1,296	1,787	1,482	1,379	1,787	1,275	1,426
December ..	1,300	1,418	1,945	1,390	1,284	1,788	1,469	1,376	1,755	1,278	1,418
January ..	1,301	1,442	1,973	1,391	1,284	1,795	1,480	1,371	1,750	1,282	1,420
February ..	1,340	1,444	2,022	1,391	1,284	1,796	1,496	1,375	1,749	1,296	1,430
March ..	1,340	1,440	2,026	1,391	1,300	1,803	1,497	1,393	1,745	1,314	1,440
April ..	1,340	1,440	2,072	1,391	1,312	1,841	1,508	1,418	1,797	1,317	1,459
May ..	1,350	1,447	2,094	1,391	1,229	1,841	1,510	1,424	1,804	1,321	1,463
June ..	1,350	1,448	2,135	1,412	1,172	1,843	1,513	1,436	1,817	1,327	1,471
1947-48—											
July ..	1,353	1,519	2,129	1,412	1,149	1,851	1,534	1,438	1,831	1,336	1,482
August ..	1,353	1,536	2,423	1,412	1,149	1,853	1,550	1,439	1,857	1,341	1,493
September ..	1,353	1,578	2,515	1,424	1,216	1,853	1,579	1,452	1,890	1,351	1,509
October ..	1,359	1,578	2,582	1,434	1,216	1,862	1,586	1,484	1,922	1,366	1,529
November ..	1,392	1,578	2,806	1,434	1,206	1,900	1,621	1,514	1,947	1,402	1,562
December ..	1,510	1,632	2,795	1,434	1,204	1,908	1,676	1,537	1,954	1,453	1,601
January ..	1,513	1,616	3,027	1,529	1,307	1,914	1,696	1,567	1,928	1,500	1,626
February ..	1,513	1,616	3,123	1,529	1,315	1,923	1,703	1,590	1,933	1,520	1,641
March ..	1,514	1,654	2,991	1,529	1,266	1,918	1,704	1,590	1,950	1,514	1,642
April ..	1,514	1,659	3,004	1,532	1,265	1,922	1,707	1,591	1,952	1,515	1,644
May ..	1,571	1,659	3,199	1,532	1,319	1,934	1,742	1,590	1,959	1,534	1,659
June ..	1,571	1,659	3,403	1,533	1,345	1,944	1,757	1,591	1,960	1,544	1,667
1948-49—											
July ..	1,651	1,724	3,323	1,533	1,361	1,948	1,800	1,614	2,000	1,573	1,699
August ..	1,651	1,724	3,328	1,537	1,347	1,952	1,801	1,699	2,025	1,629	1,745
September ..	1,697	1,733	3,371	1,538	1,347	1,964	1,823	1,689	2,017	1,639	1,750
October ..	1,697	1,734	3,197	1,593	1,347	1,964	1,818	1,688	2,015	1,636	1,747
November ..	1,876	1,734	3,484	1,592	1,349	1,966	1,895	1,735	2,008	1,724	1,807
December ..	1,876	1,734	3,650	1,595	1,312	1,985	1,907	1,761	2,010	1,751	1,827
January ..	1,936	1,741	3,639	1,623	1,275	1,986	1,929	1,765	2,011	1,769	1,840
February ..	1,936	1,741	3,721	1,623	1,268	1,986	1,934	1,801	2,016	1,797	1,861
March ..	1,965	1,741	3,721	1,623	1,250	2,002	1,945	1,798	2,000	1,809	1,865
April ..	1,966	1,744	3,197	1,623	1,265	2,002	1,917	1,805	2,005	1,795	1,856
May ..	1,966	1,746	3,196	1,623	1,250	2,017	1,920	1,809	2,002	1,801	1,859
June ..	1,966	1,746	3,200	1,623	1,247	2,021	1,922	1,805	1,991	1,803	1,858
1949-50—											
July ..	2,090	1,745	3,313	1,624	1,185	2,021	1,966	1,865	2,057	1,850	1,911
August ..	2,090	1,745	3,385	1,632	1,210	2,053	1,978	1,859	2,066	1,850	1,913
September ..	2,091	1,726	3,327	1,624	1,231	2,079	1,975	1,855	2,040	1,855	1,909
October ..	2,093	1,726	3,665	1,798	1,249	2,080	2,011	1,878	2,086	1,877	1,938
November ..	2,093	1,888	3,864	1,798	1,343	2,081	2,073	1,917	2,171	1,913	1,988
December ..	2,144	1,888	4,239	1,936	1,417	2,081	2,128	1,973	2,208	1,975	2,043
January ..	2,185	1,888	4,935	1,987	1,454	2,409	2,249	1,931	2,322	1,973	2,076
February ..	2,185	1,897	4,900	1,994	1,459	2,409	2,250	1,993	2,369	2,002	2,110
March ..	2,185	1,901	4,804	2,001	1,511	2,427	2,252	1,991	2,355	2,007	2,110

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

## PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin*, Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and so provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base of each Group : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold.(a)	All Groups.
1936-37 .. ..	1,111	1,104	929	1,073	982	993	1,064
1937-38 .. ..	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,085	996	1,015
1938-39 .. ..	896	878	1,059	918	933	1,011	922
1942-43 .. ..	1,185	1,273	1,175	1,225	1,249	1,199	1,225
1943-44 .. ..	1,331	1,327	1,213	1,307	1,298	1,199	1,303
1944-45 .. ..	1,636	1,320	1,200	1,407	1,367	1,205	1,399
1945-46 .. ..	1,582	1,331	1,240	1,401	1,493	1,227	1,404
1946-47 .. ..	1,808	1,786	1,313	1,705	1,752	1,234	1,697
1947-48 .. ..	2,393	2,483	1,473	2,264	2,385	1,234	2,245
1948-49(b) .. ..	2,570	3,005	1,845	2,637	2,840	1,234	2,589
1948-49—(b)							
January .. ..	2,426	3,236	1,849	2,693	3,865	1,234	2,659
February .. ..	2,469	3,305	1,911	2,752	3,892	1,234	2,719
March .. ..	2,494	3,305	1,910	2,760	3,892	1,234	2,731
April .. ..	2,499	2,827	1,920	2,545	3,928	1,234	2,548
May .. ..	2,478	2,850	1,921	2,548	3,958	1,234	2,557
June .. ..	2,486	2,873	1,917	2,560	4,002	1,234	2,570
1949-50—(b)							
July .. ..	2,516	2,868	1,931	2,571	4,002	1,234	2,561
August .. ..	2,529	2,933	1,869	2,594	4,028	1,234	2,583
September .. ..	2,533	2,888	1,871	2,575	4,029	1,451	2,566
October .. ..	2,548	3,191	1,888	2,723	4,066	1,776	2,700
November .. ..	2,580	3,373	1,908	2,821	4,119	1,776	2,790
December .. ..	2,677	3,677	1,928	2,999	4,145	1,776	2,951
January .. ..	2,649	4,283	1,913	3,265	4,155	1,776	3,269
February .. ..	2,653	4,137	2,025	3,221	4,178	1,776	3,232
March .. ..	2,651	4,087	2,030	3,198	4,204	1,776	3,218

(a) Year ended previous December.

(b) Preliminary figures. (See note at head of table.)

## EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute at present about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (since July, 1945), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

## SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tal- low.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	In- clud- ing Gold.
(e) ..	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	100.00
(f) ..	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	100.00	..
1936-37 ..	1,218	1,234	915	1,196	978	1,035	1,026	1,217	1,129	988	1,156	1,144
1937-38 ..	989	1,110	1,074	962	1,066	925	1,034	1,002	999	982	1,025	1,022
1938-39 ..	793	656	1,011	842	956	1,040	940	781	872	1,030	819	834
1942-43 ..	1,165	1,055	1,140	1,004	1,122	1,519	1,116	1,192	1,447	1,188	1,137	1,141
1943-44 ..	1,165	1,155	1,140	1,127	1,132	1,585	1,207	1,231	1,514	1,188	1,170	1,171
1944-45 ..	1,165	1,536	1,474	1,286	1,218	1,715	1,282	1,447	1,474	1,204	1,304	1,297
1945-46 ..	1,165	2,130	1,474	1,956	1,234	2,130	1,375	1,519	1,518	1,223	1,477	1,450
1946-47 ..	1,734	3,046	1,734	3,076	1,393	2,644	1,523	3,038	3,344	1,223	2,087	2,027
1947-48 ..	2,872	4,185	1,935	3,723	1,464	3,203	1,566	3,607	3,643	1,223	2,955	2,834
1948-49 ..	3,649	4,134	2,330	4,781	1,706	3,426	1,619	4,078	4,206	1,223	3,481	3,324
1947-48—												
April ..	3,130	4,597	2,035	4,021	1,446	3,402	1,557	3,797	3,834	1,223	3,197	3,059
May ..	3,319	4,719	2,035	4,055	1,554	3,402	1,557	3,797	3,652	1,223	3,319	3,174
June ..	3,620	4,748	2,035	4,246	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,652	1,223	3,488	3,320
1948-49—												
July ..	g3,507	4,746	2,330	4,388	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,391	1,223	3,476	3,319
August ..	g3,507	4,621	2,330	4,427	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,365	1,223	3,455	3,300
September ..	3,545	4,493	2,330	4,380	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,417	1,223	3,448	3,293
October ..	3,281	4,429	2,330	4,728	1,757	3,402	1,572	4,172	3,847	1,223	3,352	3,204
November ..	3,658	4,382	2,330	4,687	1,757	3,402	1,572	4,172	4,186	1,223	3,529	3,368
December ..	3,997	4,184	2,330	4,805	1,757	3,402	1,572	4,172	4,199	1,223	3,667	3,497
January ..	3,997	3,967	2,330	5,508	1,757	3,450	1,572	4,172	4,421	1,223	3,682	3,511
February ..	4,111	3,827	2,330	5,513	1,757	3,450	1,572	4,172	4,711	1,223	3,705	3,532
March ..	4,111	3,794	2,330	5,347	1,757	3,450	1,707	4,172	4,682	1,223	3,699	3,525
April ..	3,319	3,802	2,330	4,580	1,757	3,450	1,707	4,172	4,822	1,223	3,253	3,111
May ..	3,356	3,711	2,330	4,524	1,757	3,450	1,716	4,172	4,812	1,223	3,254	3,112
June ..	3,394	3,650	2,330	4,486	1,757	3,450	1,716	4,172	4,617	1,223	3,257	3,115
1949-50—												
July ..	g3,394	3,619	2,504	3,298	1,862	3,450	1,716	4,172	4,428	1,223	3,191	3,055
August ..	g3,470	3,674	2,504	3,696	1,862	3,450	1,716	4,172	4,460	1,223	3,268	3,126
September ..	3,394	3,767	2,504	3,883	1,862	3,450	1,716	4,172	4,512	1,438	3,262	3,135
October ..	3,922	3,779	2,504	4,538	2,004	3,450	1,716	3,049	4,656	1,761	3,574	3,449
November ..	4,186	3,819	2,504	4,406	2,004	3,450	1,716	3,049	4,819	1,761	3,703	3,568
December ..	4,563	3,943	2,504	4,265	2,004	3,450	1,716	3,049	4,985	1,761	3,901	3,753
January ..	5,619	3,948	2,504	4,321	2,004	3,938	1,716	3,049	5,001	1,761	4,437	4,251
February ..	5,355	4,093	2,504	4,346	2,005	3,938	1,716	3,049	4,995	1,761	4,337	4,157
March ..	5,242	4,198	2,504	4,114	2,005	3,938	1,854	3,049	4,975	1,761	4,286	4,110

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanias, lexiass, currants.  
 (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups (including Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (f) Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups (excluding Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (g) Nominal.

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Weights), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

## Section XI.—Miscellaneous.

## COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.						Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (c)	Percentage of Unem- ployment among Trade Union- ists.
	Food and Grocer- ies.	Housing (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). "B" Series.	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	All Items of House- hold Ex- pendi- ture. "C" Series.			
Year—									%
1911 .. ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	1,000	1,000	4.7
1914 .. ..	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921 .. ..	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2
1928 .. ..	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172	10.8
1932 .. ..	1,425	1,336	1,390	1,215	1,458	1,377	1,639	1,190	29.0
1938 .. ..	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209	8.7
1939 .. ..	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1942 .. ..	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,977	1,693	1,809	2,164	1,196	1.6
1943 .. ..	1,855	1,595	1,749	2,177	1,766	1,876	2,909	1,231	1.1
1944 .. ..	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,168	1,773	1,867	2,326	1,246	1.2
1945 .. ..	1,849	1,595	1,746	2,155	1,767	1,868	2,339	1,252	1.2
1946 .. ..	1,852	1,596	1,748	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263	1.4
1947 .. ..	1,967	1,597	1,816	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,598	1,318	1.2
1948 .. ..	2,245	1,601	1,982	2,637	1,913	2,148	2,914	1,357	0.9
1949 .. ..	2,492	1,605	2,128	3,019	2,037	2,349	3,210	1,367	2.0
Quarter—									
1939.									
March .. ..	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June .. ..	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September ..	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December ..	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1943.									
March .. ..	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,130	1,749	1,863	2,283	1,225	1.2
June .. ..	1,891	1,595	1,771	2,216	1,763	1,897	2,292	1,208	1.1
September ..	1,853	1,594	1,748	2,192	1,773	1,880	2,331	1,240	1.1
December ..	1,815	1,595	1,726	2,171	1,778	1,864	2,329	1,249	1.1
1944.									
March .. ..	1,824	1,595	1,731	2,167	1,775	1,864	2,322	1,246	1.0
June .. ..	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,180	1,773	1,865	2,322	1,245	1.4
September ..	1,852	1,595	1,748	2,166	1,772	1,873	2,327	1,242	1.2
December ..	1,827	1,595	1,733	2,180	1,770	1,867	2,332	1,249	1.2
1945.									
March .. ..	1,838	1,595	1,739	2,149	1,767	1,863	2,333	1,252	1.1
June .. ..	1,854	1,595	1,749	2,141	1,767	1,866	2,336	1,252	1.1
September ..	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,140	1,767	1,868	2,340	1,253	1.2
December ..	1,842	1,595	1,742	2,189	1,767	1,874	2,348	1,253	1.2
1946.									
March .. ..	1,853	1,595	1,748	2,201	1,772	1,881	2,354	1,251	1.4
June .. ..	1,863	1,595	1,754	2,259	1,776	1,900	2,360	1,242	1.3
September ..	1,839	1,596	1,741	2,299	1,776	1,902	2,378	1,250	1.4
December ..	1,854	1,596	1,750	2,343	1,781	1,918	2,507	1,307	1.4
1947.									
March .. ..	1,915	1,596	1,785	2,305	1,798	1,933	2,527	1,307	1.4
June .. ..	1,945	1,597	1,803	2,319	1,802	1,948	2,545	1,306	1.2
September ..	1,974	1,597	1,820	2,367	1,846	1,978	2,630	1,330	1.1
December ..	2,035	1,598	1,857	2,478	1,853	2,026	2,690	1,328	0.9
1948.									
March .. ..	2,128	1,599	1,912	2,511	1,874	2,071	2,781	1,343	0.9
June .. ..	2,197	1,600	1,953	2,600	1,900	2,121	2,854	1,346	0.9
September ..	2,278	1,601	2,001	2,688	1,935	2,175	2,970	1,366	0.9
December ..	2,378	1,602	2,060	2,748	1,944	2,225	3,050	1,371	0.8
1949.									
March .. ..	2,433	1,603	2,093	2,795	1,985	2,263	3,099	1,369	0.8
June .. ..	2,482	1,604	2,122	2,968	2,017	2,328	3,182	1,367	0.8
September ..	2,497	1,606	2,131	3,089	2,047	2,370	3,249	1,371	5.5
December ..	2,555	1,608	2,167	3,223	2,098	2,433	3,310	1,360	0.8
1950.									
March .. ..	2,633	1,609	2,213	3,259	2,134	2,474	3,373	1,363	0.8

(a) The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000. (b) See footnote (b) on page 90. (c) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Retail Price Index-number. (d) Taken back from true base November, 1914 = 1,000 by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.



## STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1948.
POPULATION (a)—Males ..	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,598,767	3,910,051
Females ..	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,544,768	3,884,829
Total ..	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,143,535	7,794,880
BIRTHS—Number ..	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	134,525	177,976
Rate ..	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.92	23.08
DEATHS—Number ..	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	71,176	76,839
Rate ..	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.01	9.96
MARRIAGES—Number ..	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	38,882	75,148	74,902
Rate ..	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	10.57	9.71
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1948-49. (b)
AGRICULTURE—								
Wheat—Area '000 acres	2,996	3,335	5,116	7,428	9,719	14,741	12,003	12,583
Yield '000 bus.	21,444	25,675	38,562	71,636	129,089	190,612	166,713	190,703
Average yield bus.	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	13.89	15.15
Oats—Area '000 acres	195	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	1,770
Yield '000 bus.	4,796	5,726	9,790	9,562	12,147	15,195	22,302	23,602
Average yield bus.	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	15.27	13.34
Barley—Area '000 acres	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,396	784,253	1,011,768
Yield '000 bus.	1,353	1,179	1,520	2,057	6,086	6,291	18,004	17,785
Average yield bus.	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	22.96	17.58
Maize—Area '000 acres	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	301,360	182,290
Yield '000 bus.	5,726	9,262	7,035	8,940	7,840	7,062	7,436	5,199
Average yield bus.	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	24.67	28.52
Hay—Area '000 acres	768	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	1,580
Yield '000 tons	767	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	2,291
Average yield tons	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.45
Potatoes—Area '000 acres	(c) 76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	145,111	99,324	119,648
Yield '000 tons	(c) 243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	332,727	450,000
Average yield tons	(c) 3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	3.76
Sugar-cane—Area (d) '000 acres	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	241,576	254,564	266,300
Yield '000 tons	350	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	6,708
Av. yield tons	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.25	25.19
Vineyards—Area '000 acres	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	129,739	135,248
Wine '000 gal.	1,438	3,438	5,262	4,975	8,543	14,191	16,045	34,361
Total net value of all agricultural production £'000	(e) 15,519	(e) 16,988	(e) 23,835	(e) 23,774	(e) 81,890	49,714	62,412	(k) 205,247
PASTORAL, DAIRYING, ETC.—								
Live Stock—Horses '000	1,088	1,585	1,620	2,278	2,438	1,776	1,611	1,115
Cattle ..	8,011	11,112	8,491	11,829	14,441	12,261	13,561	14,124
Sheep ..	65,093	106,421	72,040	96,886	86,119	110,619	125,189	108,735
Pigs ..	703	846	931	1,111	960	1,168	1,477	1,196
Wool production (f) '000 lb.	319,649	634,046	539,395	798,391	723,059	1,077,456	1,167,158	1,031,000
Butter ..	(g)	(h) 42,315	(h) 103,747	(h) 212,074	(h) 267,071	391,249	375,494	371,132
Cheese ..	(g)	(h) 10,131	(h) 11,845	(h) 15,887	(h) 32,653	31,423	67,520	97,032
Meat (i)—								
Beef and Veal .. tons								
Mutton and lamb ..	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	{ 339,495	349,835	533,502	572,355
Pork ..	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	{ 218,381	307,277	371,726	311,115
Bacon and Ham ..	(g)	(h) 7,487	(h) 15,188	(h) 23,810	{ 11,060	22,746	58,086	34,275
Total ..	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	{ 26,173	31,751	42,464	39,444
Total net value of—					{ 608,196	727,484	1,027,010	971,389
Pastoral production £'000								
Dairying production ..	{ e29,538	(e) 39,256	(e) 36,890	(e) 72,883	(e) 119,399	{ 43,025	85,358	(k) 193,048
						22,564	34,344	(k) 60,540
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1948.
MINERAL PRODUCTION—								
Gold .. £'000	5,194	5,282	14,018	10,552	4,019	3,564	15,991	9,587
Silver and lead ..	46	3,736	2,249	3,022	1,540	1,444	6,256	21,086
Copper ..	714	367	2,215	2,564	804	568	1,505	1,744
Tin ..	1,146	561	448	1,210	418	216	1,001	1,000
Zinc ..	638	1,912	2,603	1,415	283	513	1,590	5,770
Coal (Black and Brown) ..				3,927	11,015	6,194	11,264	19,998
Total value of all mineral production .. £'000	7,820	12,074	21,817	23,303	20,029	13,191	41,890	64,404
FORESTRY PRODUCTION—								
Quantity of local timber								
sawn or hewn—								
'000 sup. ft.	(g)	(g)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	913,675	1,117,313
FACTORIES—								
Number of factories ..				14,455	18,023	21,657	26,971	37,356
Hands employed ..				311,710	378,540	336,658	725,342	848,876
Wages paid .. £'000	(j)	(j)	(j)	27,528	68,051	55,932	180,052	285,765
Value of production ..				51,259	121,674	110,982	316,439	489,297
Total value of output ..				135,022	320,332	281,646	773,059	1,210,119

(a) At 31st December. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Partly estimated. (d) Productive cane.  
 (e) Gross value. (f) In terms of greasy. (g) Not available. (h) Year ended December. (i) Bone-in  
 Weight—in terms of fresh meat; bacon and ham—cured weight. (j) Owing to variation in classification effective  
 comparison is impossible. (k) 1947-48.

## Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1948-49.
SHIPPING—								
Oversea vessels entered and cleared .. No. '000 tons	3,284	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544	3,478
COMMERCE—	2,549	4,726	6,542	9,985	9,081	11,396	10,768	14,866
Imports—Oversea								
£'000 f.o.b.	26,480	34,355	38,657	61,008	93,893	51,789	173,593	415,194
Per head .. £	11/13/5	10/15/0	10/4/0	13/11/7	17/0/9	7/18/1	24/6/0	53/4/9
Exports—Oversea								
£'000 f.o.b.	27,528	36,043	49,696	79,482	127,847	108,404	168,977	542,673
Per head .. £	12/2/7	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/11	23/4/0	16/10/11	23/13/1	69/11/8
Total—Oversea trade								
£'000 f.o.b.	54,008	70,398	88,353	140,490	221,740	160,193	342,570	957,867
Per head .. £	23/16/0	22/0/6	23/6/2	31/5/6	40/4/9	24/9/0	47/19/1	122/16/5
Net Customs and Excise duties .. £'000	4,809	7,441	8,657	13,515	27,565	28,525	55,551	126,197
Per head .. £	2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/15/6	16/3/8
PRINCIPAL OVERSEA EXPORTS								
(a)—								
Wool—Quantity (b) '000 lb.	328,369	619,260	518,018	720,365	927,834	893,644	937,376	1,320,377
Value .. £'000 f.o.b.	13,173	19,940	15,237	26,071	47,977	32,102	58,041	231,396
Wheat—Quantity '000 bus.	5,365	9,795	20,260	55,148	99,947	127,401	22,313	82,762
Value .. £'000 f.o.b.	1,190	1,939	2,775	9,642	28,644	19,220	4,645	66,767
Flour—Quantity								
'000 short tons	50	32	97	176	360	611	414	853
Value .. £'000 f.o.b.	520	328	590	1,392	5,520	3,833	4,191	35,087
Butter—Quantity '000 lb.	1,299	4,240	34,607	101,722	127,347	201,639	130,347	183,556
Value .. £'000 f.o.b.	39	207	1,451	4,637	7,968	10,250	8,125	23,811
Hides and skins .. "	317	874	1,251	3,227	3,137	2,316	5,982	12,208
Tallow, inedible .. "	644	571	678	1,836	1,442	831	842	965
Meats .. "	363	571	2,611	4,303	5,542	6,370	14,094	29,723
Timber (undressed) .. "	118	38	731	1,024	1,158	433	320	1,735
Gold .. "	6,445	5,704	14,316	12,046	3,483	11,893	9,188	4
Silver and lead .. "	58	1,932	2,250	3,213	2,697	2,902	7,434	21,351
Copper .. "	677	418	1,619	2,346	705	472	18	150
Coal .. "	361	646	987	901	1,100	342	259	97
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—								
Length of line open .. miles	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,502	26,959	27,241	27,068
Capital cost .. £'000	42,741	99,764	123,224	152,195	244,353	321,972	322,152 (g)	344,630
Gross revenue .. "	3,910	8,654	11,038	17,848	38,195	37,580	66,482	85,651
Working expenses .. "	2,142	5,630	7,134	10,946	29,818	28,142	51,043	84,888
Per cent. of working expenses on gross revenue %	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78	99.11
POSTAL—								
Letters and post-cards dealt with .. '000	67,640	157,297	220,853	453,063	561,973	731,135	921,901	91,036,835
.. per head No.	29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	111.62	129.17 (g)	135.71
Newspapers dealt with '000	38,063	85,280	102,727	141,638	140,477	139,502	177,974	228,957
.. per head No.	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50	21.30	24.94 (g)	29.97
CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS(c)—								
Note circulation .. £'000	3,979	4,417	3,399	3,718	(d) 214	197	167	158
Coin and bullion held .. "	9,108	16,713	19,781	33,471	21,627	1,949	1,533	2,954
Advances .. "	57,733	129,742	86,353	108,579	193,436	227,139	269,944	377,544
Deposits .. "	53,849	98,345	91,487	143,447	(e) 273,867	276,114	386,502	824,172
SAVINGS BANKS (f)—								
Total deposits .. £'000	7,854	15,537	30,883	59,394	154,396	197,966	274,275	714,219
Average per head of population .. £	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11	38/3/11	91/12/7
STATE SCHOOLS—								
Schools .. No.	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,060	9,445	10,097	9,535	8,191
Teachers .. "	9,028	12,564	14,500	16,971	26,120	33,762	32,066	32,820
Enrolment .. "	432,320	561,153	638,478	638,850	819,042	936,901	886,655	905,739
Average attendance .. "	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,799	666,498	817,262	732,116	754,799

(a) Australian produce except gold, which includes re-exports. (b) In terms of greasy. (c) Figures for first three years are average for the December quarter, the remainder for the June quarter. All cheque-paying banks prior to 1931-32, nine trading banks only thereafter. (d) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (e) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits. (f) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June. (g) 1947-48.

